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This month...

I've been gathering some brilliant festive makes – find them in your Christmas Crackers bonus mag. I also had a lovely chat with designer Libby Summers (p64).

My favourite project...

Jolly Holiday, p89



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This month...

I've been finding lots of little ways to bring your favourite hobby into your Christmas celebrations this year. Reindeer jumper, anyone? (p40)

My favourite project...

Graham (p16)



Check out our Fair Isle cardigan pattern on page 82 and visit your local yarn shop to stock up

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Season's Greetings! OK, OK, it's a bit early for passing on **festive wishes**, but it's definitely not too early to start your Christmas knitting, and this bumper issue has everything you need to get well underway. **Rodney the Reindeer** is certainly top of my list; make him right away with your bonus kit, and that's one

gift or decoration already sorted. There are 20 more **festive patterns** in your Christmas Crackers booklet including **Susie Johns'** amazing sweaters. Fancy **raising money** for Save the Children by wearing a jolly festive jumper? Find out how on page 9 of the main magazine.

Are you feeling lucky this month? Even if you're not there's a good chance you could be a winner, as we're **giving away** £5,000 of prizes! There are piles of yarn, Cadbury's chocolate, Hobbycraft vouchers, fantastic cookware and stylish knitting bags all **up for grabs**. Turn to page 74 to see how to enter.

We hope you like the ideas and patterns in this issue, and we've got heaps **exciting stuff** to come in the next few months. Subscribing is the best way to ensure you **never miss** an issue and now is a great time to do so, as we've got not one but **two free gifts** for all subscribers. Turn to page 80 to see this brilliant deal!

Happy knitting!

Sarah

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Christmas cards by Knit for Peace (p40)

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We've got patterns for gifts and decs galore in this issue including Helen Ardley's fab bauble wreath on page 22



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Thanks to Martin and Kerry and their two gorgeous boys Taylor Jack and Ethan for modelling our Christmas makes

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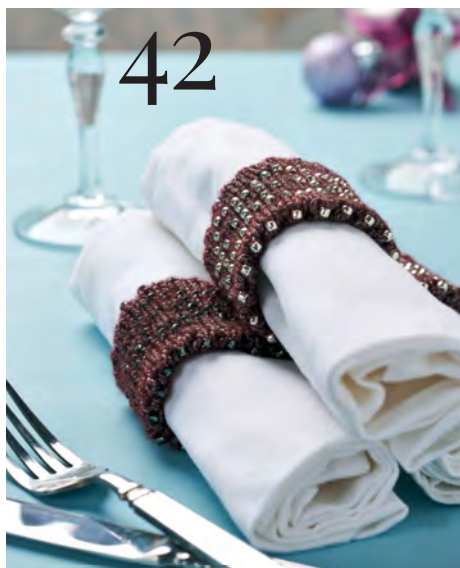
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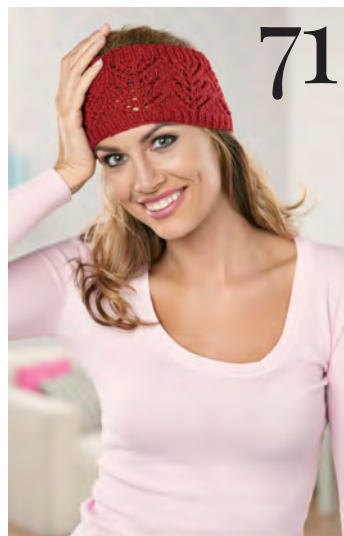
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Your YARN KIT

BRILLIANT GIFT IDEAS!

If you don't feel like making a toy and your tree is already bowing from the weight of all your decs, Lynne Rowe's cupcake pincushion is a great alternative make for your yarn kit. It would be a wonderful present for a stitch-happy friend! Find the pattern in your bonus magazine.



Make & Share

We love seeing what our readers make with their yarn kits. Share them with us on Facebook and Twitter, or email molly.todd@aceville.co.uk.



Last month you loved knitting Kevin the Penguin!

Helen Whitely



@cheedameikle



This pud from Lynne Rowe would make a great tree decoration. When filling, use your tapestry needle to move the stuffing around for a nice plump shape.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Diameter: 8.5cm

Yarn: (A) Brown, (B) Beige, (C) Green, with this issue of LK
Needles: 3.25mm
Pompom: with this issue of LK
Safety toy stuffing
Tapestry needle

PUDDING

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 2: (kfb) in every st. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts

- ☐ Row 6: as Row 4. 45 sts
- ☐ Row 8: k5, kfb, (k10, kfb) three times, k6. 49 sts
- ☐ Rows 9-17: beg with a p row, work in st st

NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates correct yarn shade

- ☐ Row 18: k2 A, (k2 B, k5 A) six times, k2 B, k3 A
- ☐ Row 19: p3 A, (p2 B, p5 A) six times, p2 B, p2 A
- ☐ Row 20: k1 A, (k4 B, k3 A) six times, k4 B, k2 A
- ☐ Row 21: p2 A, (p4 B, p3 A) six times, p4 B, p1 A
- ☐ Row 22: (k6 B, k1 A) seven times
- ☐ Row 23: (p1 A, p6 B) seven times

Cut yarn A and cont in yarn B only

- ☐ Rows 24-25: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 26: (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1. 37 sts
- ☐ Row 27: p
- ☐ Row 28: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 25 sts
- ☐ Row 29: p
- ☐ Row 30: (k2tog) to last st, k1. 13 sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a long tail end, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

HOLLY LEAVES (make three)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on three sts

NOTE: beg at tip of leaf

- ☐ Row 1: kfb, k1, kfb. Five sts
- ☐ Row 2: k2, p1, k2
- ☐ Row 3: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 4: k3, p1, k3
- ☐ Row 5: cast off two sts, k to end. Five sts
- ☐ Row 6: cast off two sts, (one st on RH needle), p1, k1. Three sts
- ☐ Rep Rows 1-6 once more
- ☐ Next row: k2tog, k1, pass first st over second st and off needle. One st
- ☐ Fasten off

To make up

Sew side seam, adding stuffing as you sew until Pudding is plump. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge, pull tight to gather. Secure end. Stitch Holly leaves to centre top of Pudding, then sew pompom to centre of leaves using red sewing thread. Use a 15cm length of sewing thread to make a hanging loop. Thread loop up through centre of pompom and secure **LK**



PRETTY PENGUINS

This Christmas, keep your little one's hands warm with these adorable penguin mittens by Little Bear Stitches! The delightful kits cost just £16 and include bamboo needles and five balls of cashmere/merino/silk mix, cotton and acrylic yarns. Go to www.littlebearstitches.com to find out more.

Let's knit LOVES...

OUR ROUND-UP OF WHAT'S HOT
IN THE KNITTING UNIVERSE



Jumper for joy

Kids and adults alike are clamouring for fun Christmas jumpers, and the cheesier the better! Our festive knitting skills have never been so in demand, so start preparing with these cute matching designs from Stylecraft (pattern number 9031). Available from 20th October. **01535 609798, www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**



Mountain Top

Love winter sports? Crochet your own ski hat with the My Mountain kit by Schachenmayr yarns. The kit uses three bright and cheerful shades of the chunky SMC Boston, and contains a crochet hook, pompom and hat label. Get it for just £10 from **0131 558 1747, www.mcadirect.com**



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TIME FOR TEA

Teacosies, Loani Prior asserts in the introduction to her fourth knitting book, make people happy – especially when they are a little bizarre! Pretty Funny Tea Cosies (Murdoch Books) features 15 whimsical patterns of various shapes and sizes. Currently on sale for £10.25, order your copy at **www.thegreatbritishbookshop.co.uk** and receive an additional 10% discount when you enter the code **LK14** at the checkout.

Did you know?

Christmas Jumper Day has so far raised £1.6million for Save the Children!

Amazing Aran

Can you believe it? MillaMia is releasing a brand new yarn to accompany their classic sportweight! Naturally Soft Aran is a beautiful merino in 16 new shades, including bright primary colours and more subtle tones. Get it for £5.50 per 50g ball from **0845 017 7474**, www.millamia.com



HEAR ME ROAR

Sylvan Tiger Yarn is a lovely British wool which is hand-dyed in Yorkshire and inspired by the local surroundings. You can now buy the beautiful sock-weight yarn in seven striking shades from www.baabaabrighouse.co.uk

CHARITY WE LOVE...

Save the Children

This year, Christmas Jumper Day is taking place on Friday 12th December, and we can't wait to "make the world better with a sweater" for the third year in a row! Pull on your favourite festive jumper on the big day and make a donation to Save the Children. Why not get your kids or office involved too? If you don't have any Christmas jumpers spare - and why not? - then don't panic! George at Asda will be selling special designs for the occasion, or you can knit your own by downloading this quirky penguin sweater pattern from www.deramores.com. Find out more information about the day from www.christmasjumperday.org.uk



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ONCE UPON A TIME

Prepare to get excited, because Yarn Stories is a brand new online-exclusive yarn label, officially launching at the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace this October! The luxury yarns will be available in 4-ply and DK weights of Fine Merino, and a Fine Merino and Baby Alpaca blend in DK. They will be accompanied by designs from talented names around the world, including Jennie Atkinson, Jane Crowfoot, Tanis Gray and Eline Oftedal. Look out for it soon at www.yarnstories.com!



O CHRISTMAS TREE

We absolutely adore the idea behind the personalised family Christmas trees by Gift Horse Kits. The soft self-striping yarn can be used in three different pattern shapes, while the little felt baubles can be decorated with an initial for each member of your clan! Knit one tree for £18 or make all three with a multi-kit for £26. www.gifthorsekits.co.uk

HANDS UP

To celebrate the release of her new book, Knitted Wrist Warmers (Search Press), Monica Russel is offering a special price of £5 plus free postage for the book, or £18 for the book and a kit to make these pretty Fair Isle accessories. The kit features a luxury yarn made from 70% alpaca and 30% Bluefaced Leicester wool. www.theknitknacks.co.uk





This Month's TOP BUY

Winter is most certainly coming, and what better way to give yourself a reminder than with this Kelly Connor knitting bag? A crucial piece of equipment for any knitter, this quirky accessory is made from natural canvas and is therefore very strong and robust, perfect for even the most elaborate project. Each unique, hand-printed bag costs £13.75 from www.kellyconnordesigns.etsy.com

Knit yourself these Decorative Gift Boxes to give your home that festive touch! Pattern available in 50 Knitted Gifts for Year-Round Giving, published by Sixth & Spring Books. www.thegmcgroup.com



Christmas IS THE SEASON...

...TO KNIT, SEW, AND BE MERRY!



This Month's MUST VISIT

Get inspired this Christmas by going to the NEC in Birmingham to attend not one, not two, but three crafting shows all in one place! Crafts for Christmas, Hobbycrafts, and Art Materials Live have teamed up to create the ultimate creative paradise. Over 300 stalls will exhibit their wares during the four-day event, which takes place from the 6th to the 9th of November, selling everything from handcrafted toys to festive food and drink. With a wide range of fantastic workshops, talks, and demonstrations on offer, this is a great place to learn a new skill, master an old one, or even just to get ideas for those tricky last-minute Christmas gifts. For more details, a full list of exhibitors, and to purchase tickets, go to www.ichfevents.co.uk

THIS MONTH We're knitting

Deputy Editor Adrienne has made this adorable crochet dinosaur, Steve! "I made up the body as I went along but forgot to write it down, so he's completely unique – at least I remembered to jot down a pattern for the arms and legs, otherwise he'd be a wonky-saurus!"



DATES FOR *Christmas*

30th October - 2nd November

The Knitting and Stitching Show Dublin
www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/dublin

6th-9th November *Crafts for Christmas and Hobbycrafts Show, Birmingham*
www.ichfevents.co.uk

13th-15th November *Creative Crafts Show, Belfast* www.sccshows.co.uk

20th-23rd November *The Knitting and Stitching Show, Harrogate*
www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/harrogate

28th-30th November *Simply Christmas and Hobbycrafts Show, London*
www.ichfevents.co.uk

WE ASKED *our readers*

Have you ever taken part in a knitalong? What did you knit? Did you enjoy it? Tell us about your experience!

RUTH HEATON

I have done two MKALs and ended up with a baby jacket (I don't even have a baby!) and a lampshade cover!

ANNE ABBOTT

I did a MKAL, my first one, from a group on Ravelry. It was socks, only about my third pair, so it was quite exciting!

KATE HOLLAND

I belong to three doll collecting/knitting groups, we have almost monthly challenges in each of them. I love it!

Pick from the LK BLOG

Granny squares are so versatile - they're easy for beginners, but they're also a great way to challenge expert crocheters to come up with new and unique patterns! Check out the LK blog if you're looking for some inspiration! www.letsknit.co.uk



MARTINE *makes*

GUERNSEY GIRL MARTINE IS A BLOGGER, TEACHER, KNITWEAR DESIGNER AND REMARKABLY AVERAGE UKULELE PLAYER. FIND OUT MORE ON HER POPULAR CREATIVE LIFESTYLE BLOG AND PODCAST, IMAKE (WWW.IMAKEGSY.COM).

A lot of people assume that knitting is a solitary activity, but this could not be further from the truth. There is one thing that we knitters like to do almost as much as knitting... talk about knitting! The community is generous and welcoming; I have met some amazing people as a result of being part of it. Your knitting community might be a select few friends, your local knit and natter group, or an eclectic mix of knitters from all over the world who you talk to online.



'Alongs

Once you have found your way around Ravelry, consider joining a knitalong or crochetalong as this is a great way to

meet people online and

perhaps tackle a challenging new project. Usually, 'alongs are based in groups and forums so there's lots of chat. Keep an eye out for mystery knitalongs (MKALs); they are lots of fun because you do not know what the finished item is going to look like!

Fabulous Fair Isle

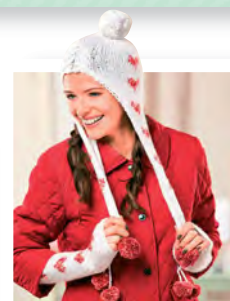
At the moment I am most excited about the "My Favourite Things Knitalong". The pattern is by Jill McGee and it is a fab Fair Isle infinity scarf. It is knitted in a tube and the ends are grafted together. Jill gives you the basics to get you started and then it is your choice which motifs are included; that way, everyone's scarf is different. Find out more at imakegsy.com.

Knitting is more than just making things with yarn - it's about people and it's about friendships. That's one of the many reasons I love it.

TTFN
Martine XOX

WHAT'S HOT ON THE LK WEBSITE

Wrap up this winter by knitting yourself this gorgeous hat and armwarmer set - download the pattern for free straight from the LK website! Made with soft, sparkly yarn, it's a fantastic knit to get you started on your Christmas makes!





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Berry Christmas

EXCLUSIVE TO



*This bright and cheerful sweater from **Siân Brown** will really get you in the festive mood!*

You can't beat a bright red jumper to bring a smile at Christmas. It's the perfect way to show your holiday spirit without indulging in complex colourwork. This classic raglan design is ideal for beginners looking to get to grips with garment construction. It features a simple cable twist up the centre to add a detail and texture as you knit.



meet our
DESIGNER

"The yarn for the sweater has a lovely handle and great stitch definition for this simple cable pattern. The shape is an easy-to-wear raglan with a flattering scoop neck."

SIÂN BROWN

Measurements & sizes

Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26)

To fit chest (cm):

81 (86, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117, 122, 127)

Actual chest (cm):

89 (94, 100, 105, 111, 116, 121, 126, 132, 137)

Length to shoulder (cm):

60 (60, 62, 62, 64, 64, 65, 65, 66, 66)

Sleeve length: 33cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Mia, shade 09 Ruby, 10 (10, 11, 12, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15, 15) 50g balls

Needles: 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm circular, 4mm straight, 4mm circular

Cable needle

Stitch holders

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

22 sts x 28 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

4mm needles

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About the Yarn

Debbie Bliss Mia is a soft and sleek 50/50 mix of cotton and woollen fibres. It knits to a standard DK tension and comes in a colourful palette of 16 shades.

Need an Alternative?

Rico Essentials Merino DK is a pure wool yarn that comes in an impressive array of colours, including some lovely festive options. It can be machine washed.

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Start knitting here

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 101 (107, 113, 119, 125, 131, 137, 143, 149, 155) sts

□ K four rows

□ Next row: k to end, inc one st in centre of row. 102 (108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156) sts
Change to 4mm needles and commence patt as follows:

□ Row 1 (RS): k45 (48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72), p2, k8, p2, k45 (48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72)

□ Row 2: p45 (48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72), k2, p8, k2, p45 (48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72)

□ Rows 3-4: as Rows 1-2

□ Row 5: k45 (48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72), p2, C4B, C4F, p2, k45 (48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72)

□ Row 6: as Row 2

□ Rows 7-8: rep Rows 1-2

These eight rows form Cable panel

□ Patt four rows

WAIST SHAPING

□ Next row (dec): k6, skpo, patt to last eight sts, k2tog, k6

□ Patt seven rows

□ Rep last eight rows four times more, then dec row again. 90 (96, 102, 108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144) sts

□ Patt five rows

□ Next row (inc): k7, m1, patt to last seven sts, m1, k7

□ Rep last six rows five times more. 102 (108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156) sts

□ Cont without shaping until Back meas 35 (35, 36, 36, 37, 37, 37, 37, 37) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a p row

SHAPE RAGLAN ARMHOLES

□ Cast off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) sts at beg of next two rows. 94 (98, 102, 106, 110, 114, 118, 122, 126, 130) sts

THIRD TO TENTH SIZES ONLY

□ Next row: k2, skpo, patt to last four sts, k2tog, k2. - (-, 100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 120, 124, 128) sts

□ Next row: p2, p2tog, patt to last four sts, p2tog tbl, p2. - (-, 98, 102, 106, 110, 114, 118, 122, 126) sts

□ Rep last two rows - (-, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1) times more. - (-, 98, 102, 106, 110, 110, 114, 118, 122) sts

ALL SIZES

□ Next row: k2, skpo, patt to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 92 (96, 96, 100, 104, 108, 108, 112, 116, 120) sts

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Rep last two rows until 40 (42,

44, 48, 48, 52, 52, 56, 56, 60) sts rem
Leave these sts on a holder

FRONT

□ Work as for Back until 48

(50, 52, 56, 56, 60, 60, 64, 64, 68) sts rem

SHAPE FRONT NECK

□ Next row: k2, skpo, k8, turn. 11 sts

Work on these sts for first side of neck shaping as follows:

□ Next row: cast off two sts, p to end. Nine sts

□ Next row: k2, skpo, k to end.

Eight sts

□ Next row: p2tog, p to end.

Seven sts

□ Rep last two rows twice more.

Three sts

Leave these sts on a holder

□ With RS facing, place centre 24 (26, 28, 32, 32, 36, 36, 40, 40, 44)

sts on holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off two sts, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. Nine sts

□ Next row: p

□ Next row: skpo, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. Seven sts

□ Rep last two rows once more.

Five sts

□ Next row: p

□ Next row: sl 1, k2tog, psso, k2.

Three sts

□ Next row: p

Leave these sts on a holder

SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 42 (46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78) sts

□ K five rows

Change to 4mm needles and

commence patt as follows:

□ Row 1: k15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33), p2, k8, p2, k15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33)

□ Row 2: p15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33), k2, p8, k2, p15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33) sts

□ Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2

□ Row 5: k15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33), p2, C4B, C4F, p2, k15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33)

□ Row 6: as Row 2

□ Rows 7-8: rep Rows 1-2

These eight rows form Cable panel

□ Next row (inc): k3, m1, patt to last three sts, m1, k3

□ Patt five rows

□ Rep last six rows 12 times more, then inc row again. 70 (74, 78, 82, 86, 90, 94, 98, 102, 106) sts

□ Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 33cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

SHAPE RAGLAN TOP

□ Cast off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) sts at beg of next two rows. 62 (64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80) sts

□ Next row: k2, skpo, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

□ Rep last four rows 6 (5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3) times more. 48 (52, 54, 58, 58, 62, 64, 68, 68, 72) sts

□ Next row: k2, skpo, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: p

□ Rep last two rows until

22 sts rem

Leave sts on a holder



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Shaping up

Raglan-style sweaters feature diagonal seams running from the underarm to shoulder, and this shape is achieved by decreasing. The shaping is replicated on the sleeves, then the remaining stitches are joined at the neckband. You will see in the pattern that the decreasing takes places two stitches in from the edge. This is to enable you to work the mattress stitch seam in an easier and neater manner.

Knit this
in sizes
8-26!

*"If you don't fancy
knitting the cable,
just work the four
cable stitches in
stocking stitch
instead"*

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

NECKBAND

- ☐ Using 3.25mm circular needle and with RS facing, k21 from left Sleeve, k last st tog with first st on Front, k2, pick up and k six sts down left side of Front neck, k across 24 (26, 28, 32, 32, 36, 36, 40, 40, 44) sts on Front neck holder, pick up and k seven sts up right side of Front neck, k2, k last st on Front tog with first st on right Sleeve, k20, k last st tog with first st on Back, k39 (41, 43, 47, 47, 51, 51, 55, 55, 59). 124 (132, 132, 140, 140, 148, 148, 156, 156, 164) sts
- ☐ K one row, working [k2tog] twice over each cable. 116 (120, 124, 132, 132, 140, 140, 148, 148, 156) sts
- ☐ K three rows
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Join raglan and neckband seam.
Join side and sleeve seams **LK**

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Jewellery from a selection at TK Maxx, trousers, £30, River Island

Measurements & Sizes

30cm tall

Knit Kit

Yarn: (A) Rico Fashion Fur, shade 003 Brown, one 50g ball, (B) Sirdar Snuggly DK, shade 428 Soft Brown, (C) shade 242 Flamenco Red, one 50g ball of each, white DK, black DK, gold DK, bright green DK, oddments of each

Needles: 3.75mm, 4mm, 4.5mm

Safety toy stuffing

Wire or pipe cleaner: 28cm

Buttons: black, flat, two

Tapestry needle

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About the Yarn

Rico Fashion Fur comprises 85% acrylic and 15% nylon and has a brilliant faux fur texture. This project uses smaller needles than recommended on the ball band. Sirdar Snuggly DK also blends acrylic and nylon and is super soft, making it an ideal choice for huggable toys.

Need an Alternative?

Rowan Fur is a new season yarn with a similar texture to the Rico yarn. It blends 97% wool with 3% polyamide. It's chunkier than yarn A so we suggest going down a needle size to get the same measurements.

Let's Shop

Rico Fashion Fur costs £2.99 per 50g (80m) ball from 0800 488 0708, www.deramores.com

Sirdar Snuggly DK costs £2.99 per 50g (175m) ball from www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk

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Graham

Val Pierce's holiday hedgehog is ready to go a-carolling!

This not-so-prickly playmate has become a fast favourite here at LK HQ. He uses eyelash yarn to great effect and is super soft and cuddly. Use a row counter and stitch markers to help you keep track of your shaping when using the furry yarn. The lantern is a brilliant festive touch, but is supported using wire, so do consider this when knitting for children.

Start knitting here

HEAD

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on 12 sts

- ☐ Row 1: k
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: (kfb) in each st to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 5: (kfb in next st, k1) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ Rows 6-8: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 9: (kfb, k2) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Rows 10-16: beg with a p row, work in st st

Shape face and nose as follows:

- ☐ Row 17: (k2, k2tog, k2) to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Rows 18-20: beg with a p row, work in st st

- ☐ Row 21: (k2, k2tog, k1) to end. 32 sts
- ☐ Rows 22-24: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 25: (k1, k2tog, k1) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 27: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
- ☐ Row 29: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- ☐ Cut yarn B, join in black DK
- ☐ Rows 30-35: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

BODY

NOTE: start at base of Body

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on eight sts

- ☐ Row 1: k
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: (kfb) in each st to end. 16 sts
- ☐ Row 5: (k1, kfb) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 7: (k2, kfb) to end. 32 sts
- ☐ Row 9: (k3, kfb) to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Row 11: (k4, kfb) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Row 13: (k5, kfb) to end. 56 sts
- ☐ Rows 14-44: beg with a p row, work in st st

Shape for top as follows:

- ☐ Row 45: (k5, skpo) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Row 47: (k4, skpo) to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Row 49: (k3, skpo) to end. 32 sts
- ☐ Row 51: (k2, skpo) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 53: (k1, skpo) to end. 16 sts
- ☐ Row 55: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

FEET (make two)

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on six sts



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Chain mail

The lead-work on the lantern is embroidered over the top of your knitting using chain stitch. To do this, thread your yarn on to a tapestry needle and bring it through the knitted piece to the front of the work. Reinsert your needle through the fabric near the entry point, leaving a small loop on the right side of the work. Now, bring the needle back out a few millimetres along, coming up inside the loop of yarn. Repeat this until all the lead detail is complete. On your last stitch, sew a small straight stitch to secure the final loop.

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"If you wish to give Graham the hedgehog to a young child, then omit the lantern because it has a wire support"

VAL PIERCE

- Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- Cont in st st, inc one st at each end of next and foll two alt rows until there are 12 sts
- Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- Dec one st at each end of next and foll three alt rows until four sts rem
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Cont in st st, inc one st at each end of next and foll three alt rows until there are 12 sts
- Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- Dec one st at each end of next and foll two alt rows until six sts rem
- Beg with a p row, work two rows in st st
- Cast off

ARMS (make two)

- Using 4.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on 12 sts
- Row 1: p
 - Beg with a k row, work in st st inc one st at each end of next and foll four alt rows until there are 22 sts
 - Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
 - Next row: (k2tog) to end. 11 sts
 - Next row: p
 - Next row: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Six sts
 - Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

PRICKLES

NOTE: work in garter st throughout from top to bottom

- Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A cast on two sts
- K one row
 - Inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are 28 sts
 - K five rows
 - Next row: (k3, kfb) to end. 35 sts
 - K five rows
 - Next row: (k4, kfb) to end. 42 sts
 - Cont in garter st until work meas 23cm
 - Next row: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 40 sts
 - Next row: k
 - Rep last two rows three times more. 34 sts
 - Cast off

HAT

- Using 4mm needles and white DK yarn, cast on 60 sts
- K ten rows
 - Cut white DK and change to yarn C
 - Beg with a k row, work four rows

- in st st
- Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end. 45 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Next row: (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1. 34 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Next row: (k2, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 26 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Next row: (k2, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 20 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Next row: k4, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 16 sts
- Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- Beg with a p row, work four rows in st st
- Next row: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

HOLLY LEAF (make two)

- Using 3.75mm needles and bright green DK, cast on three sts
- K two rows
 - Next row: kfb, k1, kfb. Five sts
 - Next row: k
 - Cast off one st at beg of next two rows. Three sts
 - Cast on one st at beg of next two rows. Five sts
 - K three rows
 - Next row: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts
 - Next row: k2tog, k1. Two sts
 - Next row: k2tog. One st
 - Fasten off

LANTERN HOLDER

- Using 4mm needles and black DK, cast on 62 sts
- K six rows
 - Cast off

LIGHT

- Using 4mm needles and black DK, cast on four sts
- Row 1 and all odd-numbered rows: k
 - Row 2: (kfb) in each st to end. Eight sts
 - Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 12 sts
 - Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 16 sts
 - Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 20 sts
 - Row 10: (k4, kfb) to end. 24 sts
 - Row 11: k
 - Change to gold DK
 - Rows 12-19: beg with a k row, work eight rows in st st
 - Cut gold DK and cont in black DK
 - Row 20: (k4, k2tog) to end.

- 20 sts
- Row 22: (k3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
- Row 24: (k2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- Row 26: (k1, k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Row 28: (k2tog) to end. Four sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Join centre back seam of Body. Stuff fairly firmly before closing. Join underneath seam of Head, lightly stuff nose using oddments of black DK, then stuff rest of Head with toy stuffing. Fold arms in half and sew seam. Lightly stuff and sew cast-on edge to Body. Fold Feet in half and sew both side seams, stuff lightly. Sew Feet to Body. Pin cast-on edge of Prickles to centre of Head, pin rest of piece around Body and Head, shaping over shoulders and around arms as you do. Sew in place leaving cast-off edge open. Add stuffing between Prickles and pad out Body. Ease stuffing around

shoulders and sides until they are evenly padded. Sew cast-off edge to Body. Sew on buttons for eyes and embroider mouth using black DK. Sew side seam of hat. Using white DK, make a small pompom and sew to top. Sew Holly leaves on to side of white brim. Place Hat on Head of hedgehog, add some stuffing to pad out a little. Sew in place around brim

LANTERN

Cut plastic-covered wire or pipe cleaner 28cm long. Roll Lantern holder over wire to enclose it and sew in place firmly. Bend top section over to form a crook shape. Sew side seam of light, stuff fairly firmly and shape as you do. Embroider leading detail on gold section using chain stitch. Make a loop of black DK yarn and attach to centre top of light, oversew loop to strengthen join. Slip loop on to Lantern holder, secure with a few stitches. Sew end of one of hedgehog's arm to his body, then slip lantern into gap **LK**



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35cm across

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rico Essentials Merino DK, (A) shade 05 Red, (B) shade 03 Purple, (C) shade 42 Green, (D) shade 60 Natural, (E) shade 46 Khaki, one 50g ball of each

Needles: 3.75mm

Beads: red, small

Cardboard ring: 4cm x 28cm

Curtain ring: one

Flower arranging wire: approx 65cm

Sewing cotton and needles

Toy stuffing

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About the Yarn

Rico Essentials Merino DK is made of 100% wool. It is easy to knit with and a popular choice for clothing and accessories. It comes in over 40 different shades!

Need an Alternative?

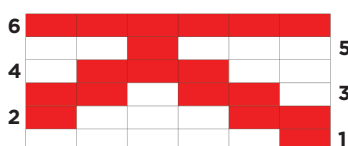
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SMALL BAUBLE

(make 18 – four in yarn A, six in yarn B, five in yarn C, three in yarn D)

Using 3.75mm needles and your chosen yarn, cast on five sts

☐ Foundation row: p

☐ Row 1 (RS): k1, * m1, k1, rep from * to end. Nine sts

☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p

☐ Row 3: as Row 1. 17 sts

☐ Row 5: k2, * m1, k2, rep from * to last st, k1. 24 sts

☐ Row 7: k2, * m1, k2, rep from * to end. 35 sts

☐ Rows 8-16: starting with a p row, work in st st

☐ Row 17: k2, * k2tog, k2, rep from * to last st, k1. 27 sts

☐ Row 18 and all WS rows: p

☐ Row 19: as Row 17. 21 sts

☐ Row 21: k2, * k2tog, k1, rep from * to last st, k1. 15 sts

☐ Row 23: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts

☐ Row 24: (p2tog) to end. Four sts

☐ Row 25: pass second, third, and

fourth sts over first and off the needle

☐ Pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Sew seam using mattress stitch, leaving a gap to stuff bauble into a round shape. Sew up remaining gap

LARGE BAUBLE

(make six – two in yarns A and D, one in yarns D and A, two in yarns C and D, and one in yarns D and C)

Using 3.75mm needles and main yarn, cast on five sts

☐ Foundation row: p

☐ Row 1: k1, * m1, k1, rep from * to end. Nine sts

☐ Row 2: p

☐ Row 3: as Row 1. 17 sts

☐ Row 4: p

☐ Row 5: as Row 1. 33 sts

☐ Row 6: p

☐ Row 7: k2, * m1, k2, rep from * to last st, k1. 48 sts

☐ Rows 8-10: beg with a p row, work in st st

☐ Change to contrast yarn

☐ Work two rows in st st

☐ Change to main yarn

☐ Work two rows in st st

☐ Work six rows of Chart

☐ Change to contrast yarn

☐ Work two rows in st st

☐ Change to main yarn

☐ Work two rows in st st

☐ Next row: k2, * k2tog, k2, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 37 sts

☐ Next row: p

☐ Next row: k2, * k2tog, k2, rep from * to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 28 sts

☐ Next row: p

☐ Next row: (k2tog) to end. 14 sts

☐ Next row: (p2tog) to end. Seven sts

☐ Next row: (k2tog) to last st, k1.

Four sts

☐ Pass second, third, and fourth st over first

☐ Pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Work as Small bauble

LEAF

(make five)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn E, cast on three sts

☐ Foundation row: p

☐ Row 1: k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k1.

Five sts

☐ Row 2: p

☐ Row 3: k2, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2.

Seven sts

☐ Row 4: p

☐ Row 5: k3, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k3.

Nine sts

☐ Cont to inc as set on every alt row until there are 15 sts

☐ Next row: starting with a p row, work five rows in st st

☐ Next row: sl 1, k1, pssso, k to last two sts, k2tog. 13 sts

☐ Next row: p

☐ Cont to dec as set on every alt row until three sts rem

☐ Next row: sl 1, k2tog, pssso.

One st

☐ Fasten off

To make up

Use wire to thread Baubles and form a circle. Twist ends of wire together and thread back through first and last bauble. Thread beads onto wire to form loops and sew Leaves and beaded loops randomly around wreath. To make wreath more solid, spread glue over one side of cardboard ring and carefully place Baubles on top. Leave overnight to set. Sew curtain ring to top of wreath for hanging **LK**

knitwise

Wiring well

Flower wire comes in a variety of shapes and sizes, so it's important to get the right kind to keep your baubles in place on your wreath. Ideally you want a thick wire, as this means the wire will be bendable by hand but still able to hold the weight of the baubles. You can easily get flower wire from most garden centres or craft stores. Additionally you can glue your baubles to the wreath to give them a little more security.



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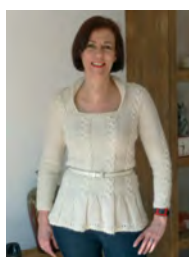
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It's getting to a busy time of the year now with the crochet and patchwork classes starting up again! It's a great excuse to get my hands on all the lovely new autumn/winter yarns just in. You can check out our range in store or online www.elizabethroseni.com



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Keep cosy throughout the coldest season with Jan Henley's super chunky cabled capelet

Sometimes in knitting, using one yarn just isn't enough. The fabulous marled effect and subtle texture of this capelet is created by holding two different yarns together and working with them simultaneously. The cable pattern is a simple eight-stitch twist, so this is a great project for newbies to the technique.



meet our
DESIGNER

"This cape was made to be worn on cold frosty mornings when walking my dogs along the beach. I like the braided cables with the mix of yarns as they remind me of bare winter branches, knarled and glistening with frost."

JAN HENLEY

Measurements & sizes

Length: 42cm

Lower edge: 120cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: (A) Drops Big Fabel, shade 201 White/Navy Blue Mouline, four 100g balls, (B) Drops Kid Silk, shade 26 Sea Mist, three 25g balls

Needles: 6.5mm straight, 6.5mm (60cm) circular

Tapestry needle

Stitch marker

Cable needle

Tension Square

20 sts x 20 rows

10cm x 10cm

over patt

6.5mm needles

Special Abbreviations

C8B: sl next four sts on to cn, hold at back of work, k4, k4 from cn

C8F: sl next four sts on to cn, hold at front of work, k4, k4 from cn

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Drops Big Fabel is an aran-weight mix of 75% wool and 25% polyamide. Drops Kid Silk blends 75% mohair with 25% silk for a light and luxurious yarn with a fluffy halo.

Need an Alternative?

If you'd prefer a solid yarn, try Artesano Aran. It blends 50% wool with 50% alpaca fibres and knits to a similar tension to yarn A. Wendy Air is another affordable mohair-blend yarn. It combines 70% kid mohair and 30% nylon.

Let's Shop

Drops Big Fabel costs £4.40 per 100g (150m) ball and Drops Kid Silk costs £4.60 per 25g (200m) ball from 0800 505 3300, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

Artesano Aran costs £7.99 per 100g (132m) skein from 01829 740903, www.laughinghens.com

Wendy Air costs £3.89 per 25g (200m) ball from 0845 003 0775, www.wool4less.co.uk

Start knitting here

CAPELET

Using 6.5mm needles and holding one strand of each yarn tog, loosely cast on 63 sts

- ☐ Row 1: wyif sl 1 pwise, k3, (p2, k12) four times, p3
- ☐ Row 2: wyib sl 1 pwise, k2, (p12, k2) four times, k4
- ☐ Row 3: wyif sl 1 pwise, k3, (p2, C8B, k4) four times, p3
- ☐ Row 4: wyib sl 1 pwise, k2, work sts as they appear to last four sts, k4
- ☐ Row 5: wyif sl 1 pwise, k3, work sts as they appear to last three sts, p3
- ☐ Rows 6-8: rep Rows 4-5, then Row 4 once more
- ☐ Row 9: wyif sl 1 pwise, k3, (p2, k4, C8F) four times, p3
- ☐ Rows 10-12: rep Rows 4-5, then Row 4 once more
- ☐ Rows 1-12 set patt
- ☐ Rep Rows 1-12 a further 19 times
- ☐ Cast off

Sew both ends of work together neatly, ensuring that you match the cables as you go

NOTE: garter stitch edge is hem edge

SHAPE TOP

Using 6.5mm circular needle and with RS facing, pick up and k 120 sts around top edge, pm for beg of rnd

- ☐ Rnds: 1-3: p
- ☐ Row 4: * p10, p2tog, rep from * to end. 110 sts
- ☐ Rows 5-7: k
- ☐ Row 8: * k9, k2tog, rep from * to end. 100 sts
- ☐ Rows 9-11: p
- ☐ Row 12: * p8, p2tog, rep from * to end. 90 sts
- ☐ Rows 13-15: k

- ☐ Row 16: * k7, k2tog, rep from * to end. 80 sts
 - ☐ Rows 17-19: p
 - ☐ Row 20: * p6, p2tog, rep from * to end. 70 sts
 - ☐ Rows 21-23: k
 - ☐ Row 24: * k5, k2tog, rep from * to end. 60 sts
 - ☐ Cast off loosely
- Weave in ends, gently press according to instructions on yarn ball bands, but do not press cable **LK**



Top, £9.50, Bracelet, £15, both Marks & Spencer, Necklace from a selection at Debenhams

knitwise

Keeping up appearances

Throughout the main cable pattern you are instructed to 'work sts as they appear'. As a knitter it is important to be able to identify your stitches. A knit stitch will look like v-shape, while a purl stitch will have a raised bump at the front. When working stitches as they appear, you will purl all stitches that look like purls (with a little bump), and knit all the stitches that look like knits (v-shapes).

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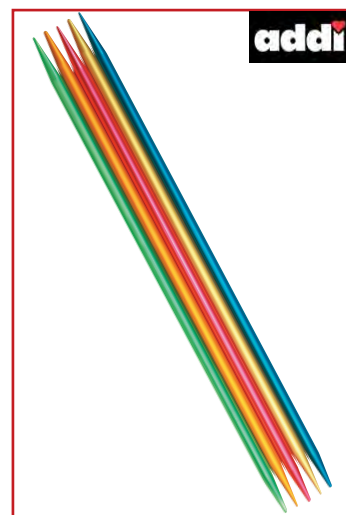
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Pixie Helper

*Keep your little one warm
with this adorable hooded
scarf from Lynne Rowe*

Winter is on its way, and what better way to wrap up the younger members of the family than with this knitted red and white pixie hat? This cute cosy hood is made using soft, gentle yarn designed for making baby clothes, so the final product won't feel scratchy against your child's skin. With sizes ranging from two to seven years, you can keep your boy or girl warm for years to come!



meet our
DESIGNER

"This charming pixie hood is made from Rooster Almerino which is beautifully soft. The integral scarf will help to keep those winter chills at bay and the pompoms add an extra touch of cuteness."

LYNNE ROWE

Measurements & sizes

To fit (size shown 3-5 years):
average size head for ages
2-3 (3-5, 5-7) years

Knit Kit

Yarn: **Rooster Almerino DK**,
(A) shade 13 Cherry, 2 (2, 3)
50g balls, (B) shade 01
Cornish, one 50g ball

Needles: 4mm

Tension Square

24 sts x 28 rows
10cm x 10cm
Fair Isle
4mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Rooster Almerino DK is a
50% baby alpaca, 50%
merino wool yarn. This
blend makes it very soft,
meaning it's ideal for
knitting kid's clothes
and blankets.

Need an Alternative?

Rowan Wool Cotton DK is
a 50% cotton, 50% merino
wool yarn. It has great
stitch definition and is
available in over 20
different shades.

Let's Shop

Rooster Almerino DK costs
£5.40 per 50g (112.5m) ball
from 01829 740903,
www.laughinghens.com

Rowan Wool Cotton DK
costs £5.85 per 50g (113m)
ball from 0800 488 0708,
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HOOD

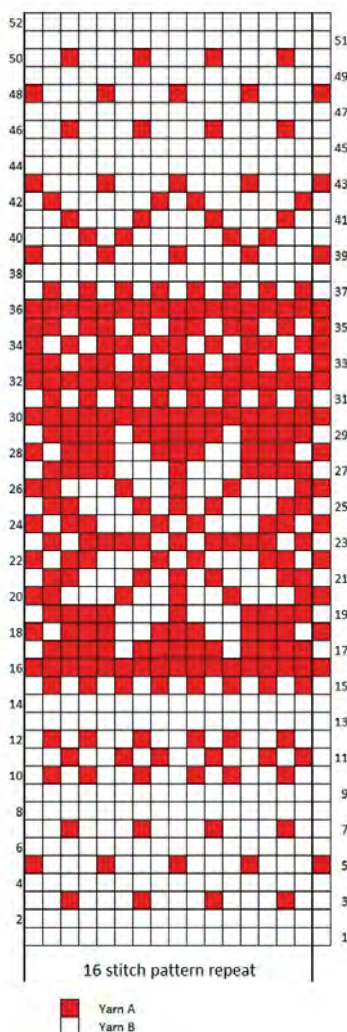
Using 4mm needles and yarn A,
cast on 114 (130, 146) sts
□ Row 1: [k2, p2] to last two sts, k2
□ Row 2: [p2, k2] to last two sts, p2
□ Rep Rows 1-2 three times more,
p2tog at end of last row for all
sizes. 113 (129, 145) sts
□ Work from Chart until Row 38
(45, 52)
Change to yarn B
□ Next row: k
□ Cast off

To make up

Spray block Hood (see page 93)
and leave to dry. Fold cast off
edge in half with RS together.
Back stitch seam neatly
along edge stitches

SCARF

Using 4mm needles and yarn A,
cast on 25 (25, 27) sts
□ Row 1: [k1, p1] to last st, k1
□ Row 2: [p1, k1] to last st, p1
□ Rep Rows 1-2 until Scarf is
1m long



□ Cast off in rib

To make up

Fold Scarf in half and place a pin at
centre point. Align centre seam of
Hood with centre of Scarf and pin
in place. Use yarn A to back stitch
Hood to Scarf edge. Weave all loose
ends of yarn into WS and trim.
Thread yarn A through cast on and
cast off stitches and gather Scarf
ends. Pull tight to gather ends and
secure with a few stitches. Stitch
two pompoms to gathered ends of
Scarf (see page 58) **LK**

knitwise

Charting your course

Knitting Charts are
invaluable for patterns that
involve multi-coloured
knitting. They can seem
very intimidating at first,
but don't be afraid! Charts
are easy to understand
once the basics have been
grasped. Charts usually
start in the lower right-
hand corner. This hood is
knitted flat, so the bottom
row and every odd-
numbered row is read
right-to-left, and the even-
numbered rows are read
left-to-right. Simply work
your way from the bottom
to the top of the pattern,
and when you've finished
the last row, your pattern
is complete!

"This doesn't just
have to be a
Christmas hat!
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ADD SOME FESTIVE SPARKLE TO YOUR HOLIDAY KNITS!

There's nothing better to put you in the Christmas mood than a touch of glitter and some bright, cheery colours. This year the crafty, handmade look is one of the season's biggest trends, so it's the perfect time to let your creativity flow! Whether you're making decorations for your tree or a new accessory for the work Christmas party, these fabulous Yuletide yarns are sure to help you on your way.

1 COLOURMART LACE CASHMERE RAINBOW LUREX

This lovely laceweight yarn is made from 75% cashmere. It is supplied in handy cones, which are great for machine knitters! One 150g (2000m) cone costs £23.36 from www.colourmart2.com

2 KING COLE COSMOS

This brand new yarn is all sparkle, and it's perfect for the party season! The thread itself is a glittery explosion, and there are sequins running all the way through it! Available in six metallic shades, one 25g (393m) ball costs £3.99 from **01924 565740**, www.woolnstuff.co.uk

3 SIRDAR SOUKIE

A pretty blend of polyester, acrylic and cotton, Soukie twists together a matte yarn with a light metallic thread. The subtle sheen effect is finished off with a smattering of sequins. One 50g (110m) ball costs £2.75 from **0845 003 0775**, www.wool4less.co.uk

4 DEBBIE BLISS PARTY ANGEL

Using 72% super kid mohair and 24% silk, this is a fine yarn with just a touch of sparkle, and we love this "Camel/Gold" shade. It's as light as air, and looks fantastic when knitted on larger needles! One 25g (200m) ball costs £8.75 from **0845 544 2196**, www.loveknitting.com



5 STYLECRAFT TWILIGHT DK

This sparkly yarn has a fun twisted effect and comes in a range of fashionable evening shades, so it's great for the glamour of Christmas and New Year. The creamy shade "Pearl" will also be ideal for making decorations. One 100g (280m) ball costs £3.59 from **07974 954663**, www.awoollytail.com

6 JAMES C. BRETT ARIA DK

Knitting to a standard DK tension, this acrylic and polyester yarn contains just a hint of mohair and wool. There is also a subtle spread of sequins throughout, so the yarn comes alive as soon as it catches the light. One 50g (215m) ball costs £3.15 from www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk

7 ANCHOR ARTISTE METALLIC

This gorgeous metallic yarn has a lightweight chainette construction, which makes it great for crochet. There is an impressive range of 26 colours to choose from, so you're sure to find one to match this year's Christmas colour scheme! One 25g (100m) ball costs £4.15 from **01829 740903**, www.laughinghens.com

8 PHILDAR STRASS LIGHT

Phildar is a French spinner which has recently launched in the UK. This 55% polyester and 45% wool blend is a fantastically lightweight yarn with a fluffy finish. One 25g (145m) ball costs £3.99 from **0800 488 0708**, www.deramores.com





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Iced Tea

*Keep your cuppa piping hot
with Monica Russel's
snowman-themed cosy set*

It's always an exciting time when you finally bring out your Christmas tableware, and this cute combo is bursting with the joys of the season. The jolly red shade makes a perfect backdrop for the snowman motif and using bobbles for the buttons is a clever way of adding texture. The set is knitted in an alpaca and wool blend yarn, which is a good choice as natural fibres provide the best insulation.



meet our
DESIGNER

"This teacosy is both functional and fun, and will look a treat in the kitchen or on your table. The charts are easy to follow and it is knitted in a great yarn."

MONICA RUSSEL

Measurements & sizes

Teacosy: to fit a standard four-cup teapot

Mug cosy: 10cm high x 25cm wide

Knit Kit

Yarn: Artesano Aran, (A) shade 0042 Webster, (B) shade SFN10 Strathy, (C) shade SFN50 Black, one 100g skein of each

Needles: 5mm straight, 4.5mm double-pointed, two (for i-cord)

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

18 sts x 22 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
5mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Artesano Aran is a 50/50 mix of alpaca and wool. It's soft and cosy, and is particularly well suited to colourwork as the alpaca fibres naturally fuse together. Choose from 28 shades.

Need an Alternative?

West Yorkshire Spinners Bluefaced Leicester Aran is a pure British wool that is spun in Yorkshire and comes in natural or dyed colourways.

Let's Shop

Artesano Aran costs £7.99 per 100g (132m) skein from 01829 740903, www.laughinghens.com

West Yorkshire Spinners Bluefaced Leicester Aran has an RRP of £4.85 per 50g (83m) ball, and £6 per 100g (166m) skein. For stockists go to 01535 664500, www.wyspinners.com

Get the exact quantities of yarn to make the teacosy and mug cosy for £18, plus p&p from 07961 633190, www.theknitknacks.co.uk

Start knitting here

TEACOSY FRONT

Using 5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 37 sts

□ Foundation row: k tbl to end

□ Row 1: (k1, p1) to last st, k1

□ Row 2: (p1, k1) to last st, p1

These two rows set rib

□ Work two more rows in rib

Cont in st st, placing Chart as folls:

□ Next row: k3, work Row 1 of Teacosy chart, k5, work Row 1 of

Teacosy chart, k3

□ Next row: p3, work Row 2 of Teacosy chart, p5, work Row 2 of

Teacosy chart, p3

□ Cont in st st as set working Rows 3-26 of chart, MB on Rows 5, 9 and

13 as indicated

□ Rows 27-28: using yarn A only

cont in st st

SHAPE TOP

□ Row 1: (k1, k3tog) to last st, k1.

19 sts

□ Row 2: p to last two sts, p2tog.

18 sts

□ Row 3: (k1, skpo) to end. 12 sts

□ Row 4: (p3tog) to end. Four sts **

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread

through rem sts, pull tight and

fasten off

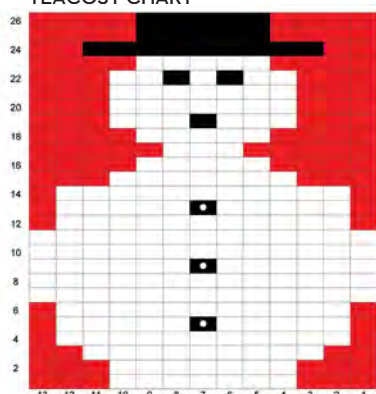
BACK

□ Work as for Front to **

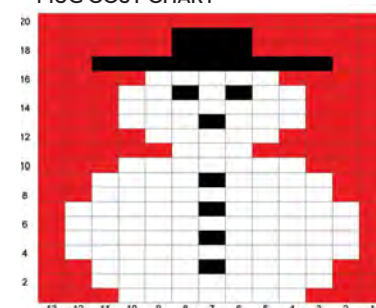
TOP LOOP

Using two 4.5mm dpns and yarn B

TEACOSY CHART



MUG COSY CHART



Special Abbreviations

MB: make bobble – using yarn C, k into front, then back, then front, then back, then front of same stitch (five sts), turn, p5, turn, k1, skpo, k2tog, (three sts), turn, p3tog (one st), turn, k into bobble with yarn B



work an i-cord as folls:

□ Row 1: k4, do not turn, slide sts

to opposite end of needle

□ Pulling yarn across back of

work, rep Row 1 a further 11 times

□ Cast off

To make up

Sew top of cosy. Join bottom ribs using mattress stitch. Join top 10cm of sides, leaving gap for spout and handle

MUG COSY

Using 5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 40 sts

□ Foundation row: k tbl to end

□ Row 1: (k1, p1) to end

Cont in st st, placing Chart as folls:

□ Next row: k4, work Row 1 of Mug

cosy chart, k5, work Row 1 of Mug

cosy chart, k5

□ Next row: p5, work Row 2 of

Mug cosy chart, p5, work Row 2 of

Mug cosy chart, p4

□ Cont in st st as set working Rows

3-20 of chart

□ Cast off

KEY

Yarn A

Yarn C

Yarn B

MB

To make up

Using mattress stitch, join top 1cm of seam and bottom rib section.

Weave in ends **LK**

knitwise

Bobble trouble?

To make the bobbles used for the snowman's buttons on the teacosy, you need to work into the same stitch multiple times. First, knit into the front of the stitch as normal, but do not slip it from the left-hand needle. Move the tip of the right-hand needle around to the back of the work and knit into the back of the stitch. Keep working this way and do not slip the stitch off the left-hand needle until you have worked into it five times. After this, turn your work and continue to follow the instructions given under Special abbreviations, working over these five stitches only.

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ALL WRAPPED UP

If you don't have time to make everyone a handmade masterpiece this Christmas, you can still personalise your presents with these quick knitted gift tags. Find the pattern in *Winter Knitting* (Pavilion), a new book by MillaMia published on 23rd October. £20, www.lovecrafts.co.uk

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Get kitted out

Knitting kits are so convenient; you can get everything you need in one neat bundle, and this little reindeer from Made By Ewe will look great on your mantelpiece or a windowsill. Made from 100% British wool and using natural fleece stuffing, it will also make a brilliant gift for a knitty friend. £10.50, www.madebyewe.co.uk



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LEARN A NEW SKILL!

Christmas is a brilliant time for trying new things. Learn how to needlefelt these fantastic bauble designs at a workshop with TOFT alpaca on 29th November. Not only will you get a bespoke alpaca-fibre decoration, but you will also be taught how to knit and felt more of your own baubles when you get home. £15, www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk



Nifty needles

Before you cast on anything, make sure you've got the perfect pins! These cute angel and snowman designs from Funky Needles are sure to get you in the festive mood. From £2.49, www.funkyneedles.co.uk

10 WAYS TO GET THE Perfect Knitted Christmas

Make this season unique with a few crafty twists!

5 COUNTING DOWN

There's nothing like the excitement of advent, and not just for little ones! This sweet crocheted garland can hold all sorts of treats to guide you through December, and it can be reused year after year! Find the pattern in *Christmas Crochet for Hearth, Home and Tree* by Edie Eckman (Storey Publishing). Turn to page 66 for a special reader offer!





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GIVE SOMETHING BACK

Christmas cards are a great opportunity to raise money for your favourite charity. These lovely designs by Card Aid feature simple knitting motifs, and all of the money raised goes to the day-to-day running of Knit For Peace, including postage for the tens of thousands of knitted items they receive each year. Packs of cards from £4.99, www.knitforpeace.org.uk

8 Organise your list!

"I love making and giving gifts just as much as receiving them and I get so excited about Christmas! The key to successful holiday crafting is to start early – sewing up on Christmas Eve is not fun! And be realistic; you'll struggle to make a kingsize throw for everyone. Remember to write a plan and draw up a progress chart for each item – colour coding is so satisfying! And of course, if you get all your gift knitting out the way early, you'll have plenty of time to whip up some extra presents for yourself!"

– LK Deputy Editor
Adrienne Chandler



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THE FINISHING TOUCH

No knitted gift is complete without a pretty ribbon to tie it all together. We love these vintage and scandi Natural Charms designs which are reminiscent of cosy handknitted jumpers! Prices from 70p per metre, 01260 274011, www.berisfords-ribbons.co.uk

Christmas jumpers

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day aims to raise money by embracing the trend for fun Yuletide sweaters, and we couldn't be happier about it! Check out design JB270 by James C. Brett. For stockists, go to 01274 565959, www.jamescbrett.co.uk

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DREAM BY THE FIRE

The fireplace is one of the key places to make your living room look festive, so grab the opportunity and run with it! From wreaths to stockings, there's all sorts you can make to create that cosy Christmas Eve feeling. Get all the materials to make these projects from your local Hobbycraft store, and look out for the patterns on their blog. www.hobbycraft.co.uk



Measurements & Sizes

6cm tall x 16cm circumference

Knit Kit

Yarn: Sublime Lustrous Extra Fine Merino DK, shade 333 Muscatelle, three 25g balls

Needles: 3.25mm, double-pointed

Crochet hook: 0.75mm

Beads: Debbie Abrahams, shade 536 Metallic Silver, shade 56 Pewter, size 6, 300 of each

Tension Square

24 sts x 34 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

Special Abbreviations

b1: bead stitch – apply bead using crochet hook method (see Knitwise)

About the Yarn

Sublime Lustrous Extra Fine Merino DK is an extra fine merino yarn spun with delicate metallic threads. Each napkin holder uses 15g of yarn, so the 25g balls are great for this project.

Need an Alternative?

Wendy Merino DK is a 100% merino yarn. It has a great colour palette of 24 shades and comes at a very affordable price for pure merino wool.

Let's Shop

Sublime Lustrous Extra Fine Merino DK costs £3.70 per 25g (95m) ball from 01244 389310, www.stashfineyarns.com

Wendy Merino DK costs £3.79 per 50g (116m) ball from 0845 544 2196, www.loveknitting.com

Beading Beautiful

Add a touch of class to a festive meal with Jane Burns' pretty napkin rings

Christmas is the time to have family and friends round for dinner, and what better way to showcase your crafting skills than with these lovely knitted napkin rings? The beads add some festive sparkle to the final piece, and the merino wool makes them wonderfully soft to touch, too. Each ring uses 15g of yarn and 150 beads; in our Knit Kit we've given the quantities needed to make four.

Start knitting here

NAPKIN RINGS

(make four)

Using 3.25mm dpns, cast on 36 sts, join into the rnd taking care not to twist sts

NOTE: make two using silver beads and two using pewter beads

- ☐ Rnds 1-9: k
- ☐ Rnd 10: (k2tog, yfwd) to end
- ☐ Rnd 11 (fold line): * b1, k1, rep from * to end
- ☐ Rnds 12-14: k

- ☐ Rnds 15-25: work as Chart
- ☐ Rnds 26-29: k
- ☐ Rnds 30-31: rep Rnds 10-11
- ☐ Rnds 32-40: k
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

With WS together, fold at folding lines, bringing cast-on and cast-off edges to WS. Sew edges together; you might find it easier to turn the ring inside out for this part. Pull beaded picots into shape. Block if desired (see page 93) **LK**



meet our
DESIGNER

"Whether you are looking to add a touch of subtle elegance or full on sparkle to your dining table, these are for you. Choose a dark contrasting bead for the subtle look, or a bright sparkling bead for an eye-catching table decoration."

JANE BURNS

knitwise

Bead again

To add beads to your napkin holders, simply follow this crochet hook method:

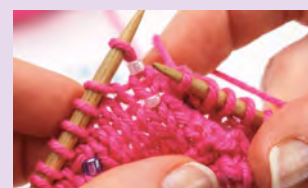
1 Using a tiny crochet hook, slide the bead on to the hook, then insert the hook purllwise into the loop of the stitch on the LH needle.



2 Slip this stitch off the needle and use the hook to pull the yarn through the bead creating a small loop.

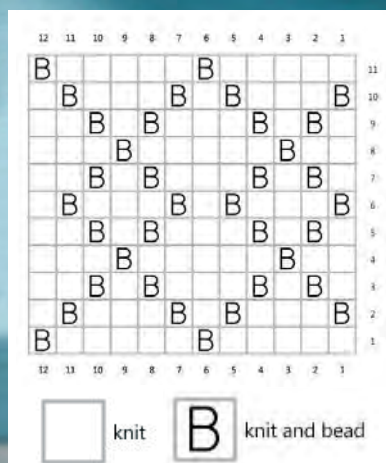


3 Place this loop back on the LH needle and continue to knnt as normal.



It's important to use a crochet hook that will fit through the hole in the bead. The hole must also be big enough for a double thickness of your yarn.

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Naturally soft

Everyone's favourite, Milla Mia have launched a beautiful new aran weight yarn to join their deliciously popular Naturally Soft Merino. Naturally Soft Aran is an aran weight yarn with the same signature Milla Mia gorgeously soft handle and stitch definition. Naturally Soft Aran has a light twist to provide loft without too much weight, and is available in 16 new shades including 4 tonal melanges; key brights such as emerald green and cobalt alongside sophisticated new shades dusk and powder blue. Two glorious new books for adults and children's knits accompany this delicious yarn, Tiny Treasures and Finishing Touch.



knit your way AROUND THE WORLD!

At Loveknitting, we love yarn, which is why we search high and low for exciting brands all over the world! Take a peek at our new ranges and get ready for some fabulous international yarns!

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FUN, FUN, FUN!

A vibrant, young company, Rico Design is based in Germany and positively fizzes with exciting yarn and patterns! Rico yarns are full of colour and zest, as well as being a fantastic value choice. The Essentials range offers every yarn weight option in some fabulous colours, and their fashion yarns are up-to-the-minute, using the latest technology. There's a yarn for every occasion in this fabulous range.



Contemporary with a classic twist

Blue Sky Alpacas yarn is every bit as delicious as you suspect it might be! From ethereal shimmering yarns for lacework, to richly chunky warm yarns for cosy cover-ups, Blue Sky Alpacas makes full use of the finest alpaca fibre, merino and cotton to bring you a collection of yarns that will enrich any knit or crochet project.

Be inspired with Berroco!

Berroco Yarns' heritage dates back to the 1800s, and six generations of the same family have made this fantastic company what it is today. Berroco's fabulous yarns and fibres are imported from all over the world, and their range spans all weights of yarns and clever blends of fibre. The talented in-house design team produce gorgeous patterns to accompany the yarn too!



AN AMERICAN DREAM...

Imperial Yarns use only one source of wool - from their own Imperial Stock Ranch in Oregon, making their yarn 100% American. Their wool is milled without harsh chemicals or high temperatures to preserve its beautiful softness, and their stunningly modern colour palette is irresistible - designed to reflect the ranch's desert landscape.

SWISS FASHIONISTAS

You'll be entranced by the colours and textures of fabulous Lang Yarns! They have been making yarns for handknitting since 1867, and are still as passionate about it now as they were then! Six generations of the Lang



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Knit a rainbow

Cascade Yarns proudly showcase one of the most outrageously beautiful colour palettes in the knitting world. The Cascade range includes all weights of yarn, jewel shades of every hue and some melange, heather and stunning variegated blends.

Measurements & sizes

Corsage: 12cm diameter

Scarf: 7.5cm wide x 164cm long
(excl tassels)

Gift bag: 23cm tall x 15cm wide

Knit Kit

Yarn: Sirdar Soukie (A) shade 174 Arabesque (B) shade 172 Dusky Pink, one 50g ball per item

Needles: Scarf: 3.25mm straight, Corsage and Gift bag: 3.75mm straight, Gift bag only: 3.25mm, 3.75mm, 4mm, all double-pointed, sets of five

Beads: pearls, 4mm and 5mm; teardrops; bicone crystals, larger crystals, see items for quantities

Brooch pin and felt (for corsage)

Sewing needle and thread

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

Scarf

12 sts x 12 rows
10cm x 10cm
over mesh stitch
3.25mm needles

Gift Bag

22 sts x 28 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

Special Abbreviations

m1r: insert LH needle into horizontal bar between sts from front to back, k into back of this loop

m1l: insert LH needle into horizontal bar between sts from back to front, k into front of this loop

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Sirdar Soukie combines polyester, acrylic and cotton fibres, and is adorned with sequins, producing eye-catching knits. It can be machine washed and comes in eight shades.

Let's Shop

Sirdar Soukie DK costs £2.99 per 50g (110m) ball from 01467 620277, www.loviesyarn.com

Festive Sparkle

*Get Christmas all wrapped up
with Charmaine Fletcher's
corsage, scarf and bag set*

Add a touch of bling to the holidays with beads and sequins.

This set is the perfect gift – make a scarf or corsage (or both!) and present it to the recipient in a matching bag. Each one is embellished with glittering beads. LK designer Charmaine chose pearls and crystals but you can opt for any combination you like.

Start knitting here

CORSAGE

NOTE: use cable cast-on method throughout

LARGE PETALS

Using 3.75 mm needles and yarn A leaving a long tail, cast on 28 sts
□ Row 1 (RS): * cast off 25 sts, sl st from RH to LH, join petal (see Knitwise), turn

□ Row 2: k to end, turn

Cast on 25 sts. 28 sts *

□ Rep from * to * until ten Large petals have been made, each time joining petals into loops as they have been cast-off

□ Rep Rows 1-2. Three sts

MEDIUM PETALS

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 23 sts. 26 sts

□ Work as for Large Petals, casting off 23 sts on Row 1 and casting on 23 sts on Row 2

□ Work as for Large Petals, casting off 23 sts on Row 1 and casting on 23 sts on Row 2

□ Cast off

BACK PANEL

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on five sts using thumb method

□ Row 1 (WS): p

□ Row 2: k1, m1r, k3, m1l, k1.

Seven sts

□ Row 3: p

□ Row 4: k1, m1r, k1, m1r, k3, m1l, k1, m1l, k1. 11 sts

□ Rows 5-11: beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

□ Row 12: k1, (skpo) twice, (k2tog) twice, k1. Seven sts

□ Row 13: p

□ Row 14: k1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1.

Five sts

□ Sl first st of row, then cast off all sts

Weave in ends

TO MAKE UP

Using yarn tail sew a running stitch through bottom of stitches on Base, gather up into a circle and draw tight. Repeat with other layers, working in a spiral movement. Weave in yarn tails, leaving one at top of corsage centre and split this into three strands. Thread one crystal onto two strands and sew through to knitted base. Weave in this tail. Using sewing needle and thread stitch approx 11 5mm pearls in a ring and use yarn tail to run through all beads twice to secure. Cut felt circle and sew to Back Panel. Attach brooch pin. Turn corsage upside down and give a gentle shake to loosen petals



knitwise

Joining up

The petals are joined together as you work. After each petal is cast off, you will have two stitches on your LH needle and one on your RH needle. Move the stitch from the RH to LH needle, so you have three stitches. Knit the first stitch, then insert the LH needle through the two stitches at the tip of the petal just worked. Place these stitches on the LH needle, then knit the second stitch together with these two stitches (k3tog), then knit the last stitch.

SCARF

Using 3.25mm needles, yarn B and thumb method, cast on six sts

LOWER TRIANGULAR BORDER

- Row 1 (WS): sl 1 pwise, k to last st, p1
- Row 2: sl 1 kwise, k to end
- Rows 3-5: rep Rows 1-2, then Row 1 again
- Row 6: sl 1 kwise, m1r, k to last st, m1l, k1. Eight sts
- Rep Rows 1-6 twice more, ending after a RS row. 12 sts

MESH PATT

- Commence Mesh patt as folls:
- Row 1 (WS): sl 1 pwise, k1, p to last two sts, k1, p1
- Row 2: sl 1 kwise, k1, * yrn, p2tog, rep from * to last two sts, k2
- Row 3: sl 1 pwise, k1, * yrn, p2tog, rep from * to last two sts, k1, p1
- Rep Rows 2-3 until work meas 158cm, ending after a RS row

NOTE: allow for stretchiness of mesh patt when measuring

TOP TRIANGULAR BORDER

- Row 1 (WS): sl 1 pwise, k1, p to last two sts, k1, p1
- Row 2 (dec): sl 1 kwise, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Ten sts
- Row 3: sl 1 pwise, k to last st, p1
- Row 4: sl 1 kwise, k to end
- Rows 5-6: rep Rows 3-4
- Rep Rows 1-6 twice more. Six sts
- Cast-off kwise

To make up

On both ends, cut yarn leaving a long tail. Weave in ends

TASSELS

Cut one 47cm length of yarn, and two 43cm lengths. Tie a double knot in one end of each length and thread with one faceted teardrop bead, one 5mm pearl and one 4mm pearl. Thread beads in reverse sequence on to opposite end of yarn, then knot to secure. Fold 47cm strand in half. Insert folded end through centre of cast-on row, then pull beaded ends through this loop. Fold 43cm strand so one end measures 17cm and the other 16cm. Attach to end corners of cast-on edge as before. Repeat for other end of Scarf

GIFT BAG

Using 4mm dpns and thumb method, cast on 56 sts, distribute evenly over four needles and join in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts

Change to 3.75mm dpns

- Rnds 1-13: k
- Redistribute sts as folls:
- N1: nine sts, N2: ten sts, N3: 19 sts, N4: 18 sts
- Start Central square motif as folls:
- Rnd 14: k9, p10, k37
- Rnd 15: k9, p1, k8, p1, k37
- Rnds 16-19: k9, p1, k1, p6, k1, p1, k37
- Rnds 20-21: k9, p1, k1, p2, k2, p2, k1, p1, k37
- Rnds 22-25: rep Rnds 16-19
- Rnd 26: as Rnd 15
- Rnd 27: as Rnd 14

This completes Central square motif, redistribute sts evenly across dpns

- Rnds 28-42: k
- Rnd 43 (eyelet): * k2tog, yfwd, k2, rep from * to end
- Rnds 44-57: k
- Change to 3.25mm dpns
- Rnd 58: p
- Rnds 59-60: k
- Rnd 61 (picot): * yfwd, k2tog, rep from * to end
- Rnds 62-63: k
- Cast off kwise

I-CORD TIE

Using two 3.75mm dpns and leaving a long tail, cast on two sts

- Row 1: k, but do not turn, slide sts to opposite end of needle, pull yarn tightly across back of work ready to k
- Rep Row 1 until i-cord meas 43cm
- Cast-off, leaving a long tail

FLOWER EMBELLISHMENT

(shown on red bag)

NOTE: use cable cast-on method throughout

Using 3.75mm straight needles and yarn A leaving a long tail, cast on eight sts

- Row 1: k2tog, k to end. Seven sts
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: skpo, cast off all sts but sl last st from RH to LH needle, kfb, cast on six sts. Eight sts
- Rep Rows 1-3 four more times (five petals in all). Fasten off on final rep
- Sew petals into a ring. Weave in ends, leaving one at top of flower centre. Split yarn tail and add beads and 4mm pearls as for Corsage

BOW BASE

(shown on pink bag)

Using 4mm dpns and leaving a long tail, cast on 30 sts, divide evenly over three needles, join in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts

- Rnd 1: k
- Change to 3.75mm dpns
- Rnds 2-3: p
- Rnd 4: k
- Change to 3.25mm dpns
- Rnd 5: (k2tog) to end. 15 sts

- Rnd 6: k to end wrapping yarn twice around needle on each st
- Rnd 7: k
- Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

I-CORD BOW

- Work an i-cord as before until piece meas 12cm long
- Cast off
- Fold i-cord into figure-of-eight shape. Secure with a few sts. Split yarn tail and add beads and 4mm pearls as for Corsage.

To make up

Fold work at picot row and secure on WS. Sew bottom seam using mattress stitch. Sew Flower embellishment or Bow base to Central square motif. Add four 5mm pearls to ends of i-cord tie, knot to secure and trim ends. Tie in a bow to fasten **LK**





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Star LETTER

I machine knitted for ten years and loved it... I won't say every minute, because there were plenty of tears of frustration! I used to say I needed my machine knitting head on, but I knitted some lovely things: a patchwork blanket with all the techniques I could manage, in toning colours; lots of jumpers for the grandchildren, with bespoke intarsia pictures – a Dalek, a Power Ranger, a flower, any image I could download from the internet! I had a machine with a garter carriage to do garter stitch (noisy and time-consuming), but I really enjoyed myself. I still have several jackets I knitted, including one I designed myself, but hand-knitting was always my first love. So I sold all my machines, freed up the spare room, and the last machine went to Reykjavik in Iceland to a knitwear designer. I am pleased it has gone to a good home!

Mandy Gordon

Thanks for your letter, Mandy! Your Christmas tree jumper looks amazing, perfect for the festive season. We love to hear about our readers' experiences with different types of knitting. We hope you enjoy your Star Letter Prize!



STOP & SHARE

STORIES AND MAKES GALORE FROM OUR WONDERFUL READERS

HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE MADE:



"Almost managed to make a second squirrel with the left over wool! Now my son and daughter are both happy with their new woollen friends!" **Adele Parr**

"Took me several goes to get the intarsia right... I've made lots of Union Jack cosies using a graph with no problem, I must have had some senior moments!"

Pam Locke



Star make

WE ASKED YOU ON FACEBOOK:



What's your favourite thing to knit for Christmas?

2% of you said jumpers

22% of you said toys

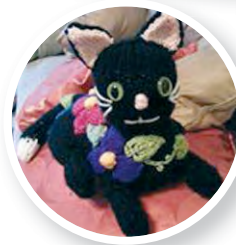
33% of you said decorations

30% of you said hats

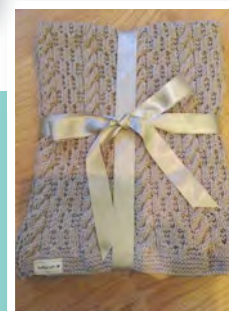
13% of you said socks



"I used the alternative yarn suggestion, King Cole Moments DK in Orange. My MacTavish is, as a result, exceptionally bright... My granddaughter won't need a night-light in future as long as MacTavish is in the room!" **Hazel Hopkins**



"Cat for my cousin"
Christine Stringer



"This is the largest item I have ever completed and it's just in time for the birth of our first grandchild"

Samantha Hastings



WE ASKED ON TWITTER...

What are you fellow knitters hoping to receive for Christmas this year?

HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID:

If I can dream, I wish for a drum carder to prep fibre for my yarn spinning
@KnittyNadia

To discover a previously hidden room in my apartment where I can fit all my yarn stash
@eyrea

A magic clock which pauses time, to leave more room for knitting
@fluffy1st

To play Supermarket Sweep at Black Sheep Wools!
@vjb1975

I'd love to go on a knitting cruise somewhere beautiful - Alaska, possibly?
@kariebookish

A British Library lifetime membership, so I can read all the knitting books in there. How many do you think they've got?
@FredSmith

WIN!



Both our Star Letter and Star Make winners have won a King Cole Hedgehog Tinsel Knitting Pattern and a bundle of Tinsel Chunky yarn.

Tip

OF THE MONTH

When I knit in the round the point where the ends are joined look uneven. To avoid this, I knit the first two stitches with both the loose end and ball end of the yarn.

Johanna Gistvik

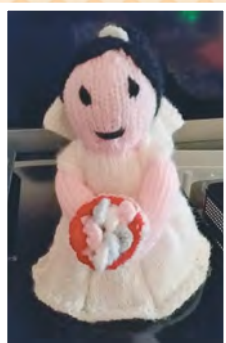
PRINTED TIPS WIN A £10 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT BLACK SHEEP WOOLS



Why I love my local yarn shop

"I went into Twist in Woodbridge Suffolk yesterday and bought a beautiful shawl pattern and alpaca and silk yarn with which to make it. Just need to buy the needles now!" Elizabeth Norris

Let us know why you love your local yarn shop by emailing molly.todd@aceville.co.uk



"This is my knitted bride - it took me 2 days to make and I really enjoyed knitting it!"
@Harvest63Snyder



"The last thing I knitted was this coat!"
Cheryl Monguzzi

"Knitting a tiny sweater!"
@LGASudio

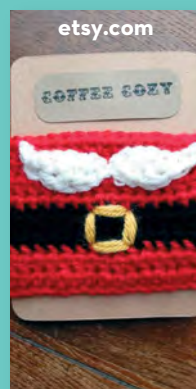


"Just finished this for my mum's birthday... I was so pleased with it I decided to make a little bag for her notebook and pen"
Karren Althorpe



PINS AND NEEDLES

Christmas is a busy season for knitters - not only are there presents to make, but decorations, too! We've found loads of inspiration for both gifts and ornaments on Pinterest, so follow our Christmas Knits board for more ideas!



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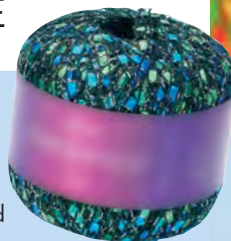
How much do you know about your favourite hobby? Take our fun quiz to find out!

1. In which style of knitting might the yarn be wrapped around your neck?
2. Between which years was wool rationed in the UK?
3. Queen Elizabeth I denied a patent for which invention to preserve Britain's handknitting industry?
4. What is the correct term for a baby alpaca?
5. Ruth Cross designed mittens for which film?

NAME THAT YARN

Here are three clues to our mystery yarn. Is it one that's in your stash?

- It has previously been discontinued but was brought back by popular demand
- It blends nylon and polyester and has an unusual ladder construction
- It's perfect for the festive season



Check out the answers below to see how many you got right!

Caption competition

Email molly.todd@aceville.co.uk with your caption and we'll publish the winning entry in our next issue!



Here's our favourite caption from last issue
"This is just my tension square - now to start the real blanket!" Congratulations to **Linda Rumsey**.



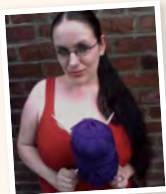
Wordplay

We've jumbled up three knitting-related words or phrases. Can you work out what they are?

- nice ears (8)**
- send lord pip (4, 7)**
- a elf iris (4, 4)**



PURLS OF WISDOM



By Claire Thomas

My useless Yule

It's open house here at the moment since Eldest and the Toddler were joined by the new baby this summer. It reminds me of Christmas, also known as the season of outspoken relatives, or, to be more specific, aunts emboldened by eggnog and deaf to my signals to get them to leave. (I'm thinking of installing a neon sign over the door set to light up at 8pm, saying "GO HOME NOW" to save me the trouble of looking pointedly at my watch.)

Last year, halfway down a bottle of wine, my aunt eyed my Christmas knitting, a festive few inches of snowflake-patterned scarlet, too short to be clearly identifiable as anything in particular.

"Oh, Christmas knitting, is it?" she observed. "It's a nice idea, but of course, absolutely useless."

I made a noise like a strangled ostrich.

"Well, you can only wear socks with penguins on for one month out of 12..." she carried on, while I put down the two inches of snowflake socks I'd started for her Christmas present, feeling distinctly out of sorts.

A couple of glasses of wine later and I started to see the funny

"My aunt and I agreed that we would compete: who could make and give the most useless Christmas-themed knit"

side, such as it was. I realised that maybe the homemade decorations, the Christmas scarves, Santa-patterned tablet cases, etc, were more fun to make than receive. Full of wine, my aunt and I agreed that we would compete: who could

make and give the most useless Christmas-themed knit?

Two days later I opened my front door to find it adorned by a small sprig of knitted mistletoe. I retaliated with a pair of knitted cotton booties for the turkey to wear on Christmas Day. "These are useful!" my aunt cried triumphantly. "They'll stop the leg bones burning."

"Well, mistletoe's useful," I retorted.

"Not when you have real mistletoe growing in your garden anyway," my aunt beamed. Round one to her.

Over the next week, the competition heated up. I claimed victory in round two with knitted lace to decorate round the Christmas cake - pointless and leaving a mohair residue. (It's a good job none of us like Christmas cake.) By contrast, my aunt's knitted holly table decoration both served an obvious purpose and had the additional benefit of no prickles. Round three went to my aunt again, this time by default, as she claimed that the sparkly festive coaster I'd made to put under the glass of sherry left out for Santa on Christmas Eve was insufficiently Christmassy -

"It could be anything. It looks like a squashed disco ball" - while I couldn't argue with her snowball cat toy, useless given that we don't have a cat.

By Christmas Day, I was out of ideas, yarn in festive colours, and time. As my aunt exulted, I kept quiet and refilled the eggnog glasses. I'm a bad loser, usually, but this time, full of Christmas spirit, I remembered what my aunt had forgotten: her birthday's in January, and I had a pair of snowflake-patterned socks that wanted finishing. After all, what could be more cherishably useless than a Christmas knit given in January?

Claire Thomas is a freelance journalist and founder of Stitch 'n' Bitch group, Knit Pickers



How did you do?

Quick Quiz: 1. Portuguese style, 2. 1941-1949, 3. The stocking frame knitting machine, 4. Cria, 5. Twilight Wordplay: 1. Increase, 2. Drop spindle, 3. Fair Isle Name that yarn: Sirdar Firefly

Santa Claus

Make Amanda Berry's hoody-wearing Father Christmas just in time for the festive season



What would Christmas be without good old Saint Nick? Our jolly knitted friend comes fully kitted out in matching red coat and hat, complete with white fluffy beard. Made from acrylic wool, this is an ideal gift for kids, as it can be machine washed and even tumble-dried. This project will take a little patience, but he will be well worth the wait: durable, soft, and cuddly, too, he will make a great pal for children of any age.



meet our
DESIGNER

"When working with the furry yarn, keep your stitches fairly loose, and you may find it easier to work on metal needles rather than bamboo. I count the stitches as I go to make sure I haven't dropped any!"

AMANDA BERRY

Measurements & sizes

29cm tall

Knit Kit

Yarn: Stylecraft Special DK, (A) shade 1010 Matador, (B) shade 1001 White, (C) shade 1240 Soft Peach, (D) shade 1002 Black, one 100g ball of each, (E) Stylecraft Eskimo DK shade 5006 Winter White, one 25g ball

Needles: 4mm

Beads: 5mm, black, two

Button: 11mm, black, one

Sewing needle and thread

Stitch holder

Tapestry needle

Toy stuffing: 250g

Special Abbreviations

Inc3: triple inc - k into the front, then the back, then the front again, then the back again of the next st to make three additional sts

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Stylecraft Special DK is a 100% acrylic yarn and is one of the most popular on the market.

Stylecraft Eskimo DK is an eyelash yarn made of 100% polyester and comes in 11 different shades, ranging from pastels to vibrant hues.

Need an Alternative?

Cygnat DK is another acrylic yarn that comes in a wide variety of shades.

King Cole Moments DK is an eyelash yarn that knits to the same tension as the stated yarn.

Let's Shop

Stylecraft Special DK costs £1.69 per 100g (295m) ball and Stylecraft Eskimo Eyelash Yarn costs £1.79 per 50g (90m) ball from 0800 505 3300, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

Cygnat DK costs £1.60 per 100g (296m) ball from 01526 869112, www.thatlittlewoolshop.co.uk

King Cole Moments DK costs £1.85 per 50g (90m) ball from 01707 331777, www.zipsnclips.co.uk

Start knitting here

LEFT LEG

NOTE: The head, legs and body are worked in one piece

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): k
- ☐ Row 2: k2, (kfb) twice, k3, (kfb) twice, k1. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 3: k
- ☐ Row 4: k2, (kfb) four times, k3, (kfb) four times, k1. 22 sts
- ☐ Row 5: k
- ☐ Row 6: (k3, kfb) twice, k6, (kfb, k3) twice. 26 sts
- ☐ Row 7: k
- ☐ Rows 8-11: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 12: k15, ssk, k1, k2tog, k6. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 13: p5, sl 1 pwise, p1, pssso, p1, p2tog, p14. 22 sts
- ☐ Row 14: k8, (k2tog) six times, k2. 16 sts

Change to yarn B

☐ Rows 15-16: p

Change to yarn A

☐ Rows 17-20: beg with a p row, work in st st

☐ Cut yarn, slide sts to wrong end of needle to hold for later. Mark sts at each end of Row 20

RIGHT LEG

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast ten sts on to same needle that is holding Left leg sts

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): k
- ☐ Row 2: k1, (kfb) twice, k3, (kfb) twice, k2. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 3: k
- ☐ Row 4: k1, (kfb) four times, k3, (kfb) four times, k2. 22 sts
- ☐ Rows 5-11: work as Rows 5-11 for Left leg
- ☐ Row 12: k6, ssk, k1, k2tog, k15. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 13: p14, sl 1 pwise, p1, pssso, p1, p2tog, p5. 22 sts
- ☐ Row 14: k2, (k2tog) six times, k8. 16 sts

Change to yarn B

☐ Rows 15-20: work as Rows 15-20 for Left leg but do not cut yarn. Mark sts at each end of Row 20. Sts for both legs should be on same needle. 32 sts

BODY AND HEAD

Change to yarn A

- ☐ Row 21 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 22: (k1, kfb, k12, kfb, k1) twice. 36 sts
- ☐ Row 24: (k1, kfb, k14, kfb, k1) twice. 40 sts
- ☐ Row 26: (k1, kfb, k16, kfb, k1) twice. 44 sts
- ☐ Row 28: (k1, kfb, k18, kfb, k1)



Our Santa is up-to-date with current fashions in his trendy hoody!

twice. 48 sts

☐ Row 30: k

☐ Row 32: k22, k2tog, k21, k2tog, k1. 46 sts

☐ Row 34: k21, k2tog, k20, k2tog, k1. 44 sts

☐ Row 36: k20, k2tog, k19, k2tog, k1. 42 sts

Change to yarn D

☐ Row 37: p

☐ Row 38: p19, p2tog, p18, p2tog, p1. 40 sts

Change to yarn B

☐ Row 39: p

☐ Row 40: k18, k2tog, k17, k2tog, k1. 38 sts

☐ Row 42: k17, k2tog, k16, k2tog, k1. 36 sts

☐ Row 44: k16, k2tog, k15, k2tog, k1. 34 sts

☐ Row 46: k15, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k1. 32 sts

☐ Row 48: (k6, k2tog) three times, k5, k2tog, k1. 28 sts.

Change to yarn C

☐ Row 49: (p2tog) 14 times. 14 sts

☐ Row 50: (kfb) 14 times. 28 sts

☐ Row 51 and all WS rows: p

☐ Row 52: (kfb, k1) 14 times. 42 sts

☐ Rows 53-67: starting with a p

row, work in st st

☐ Row 68: (k2tog, k4) seven times. 35 sts

☐ Row 70: (k2tog, k3) seven times. 28 sts

☐ Row 72: (k2tog, k2) seven times. 21 sts

☐ Row 74: (k2tog) ten times, k1. 11 sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ARMS

(make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 12 sts

☐ Rows 1-11: beg with a p row, work in st st

Change to yarn C

☐ Rows 12-17: beg with a k row, work in st st

☐ Row 18: k5, inc3, k6. 15 sts

☐ Row 19: p

☐ Row 20: k5, sl next three sts on needle pwise on to RH needle, k1, pass second, third, and fourth sts

on LH needle over first st on RH needle, k6. 12 sts

☐ Rows 21-23: beg with a p row, work in st st

☐ Row 24: (k2tog) six times. Six sts

☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

"If you're giving this as a present to a very small child, try embroidering the eyes instead of using beads."

LK Editorial Assistant, **Molly Todd**

NOSE

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on four sts

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p3, turn
- ☐ Row 2: (kfb) three times. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 3: p6, turn
- ☐ Row 4: (k2tog) three times. Four sts
- ☐ Row 5: p4
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

BEARD

Using 4mm needles and yarn E, cast on 30 sts

- ☐ Row 1 (RS): p
- ☐ Row 2: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog
- ☐ Rep Rows 1-2 until ten sts rem
- ☐ Cast off

MOUSTACHE

Using 4mm needles and yarn E, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1: p
- ☐ Row 2: k
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Sew Body and Head together from top of Head down to stitch markers. Stuff Head and Body. Sew inside leg seams from crotch down to cast on stitches at bottom of feet, stuffing legs and feet as you sew. Gather cast-on stitches at soles of feet. Sew shoulder seams together. To define neckline, sew a running stitch around Row 49 and pull together. Knot yarn firmly to hold in place. Hide yarn tails inside stuffing. Sew side seam of each Arm, stuffing as you sew. Gather cast on stitches at top of Arm. Sew top of Arm to side of Body. To make up Nose, push RS outwards and shape into small bobble. Sew cast-on and cast-off edges to front centre of Head. Sew on two beads for eyes. Sew centre of Moustache underneath Nose. In yarn A, embroider mouth beneath Moustache in a small horizontal stitch. To attach Beard, sew each end of cast-on edge to side of head. Stitch cast-on edge around Moustache and mouth

HAT

NOTE: patt starts from top of Hat

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on four sts

- ☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 2: k1, (kfb) three times. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 4: k1, (kfb, k1) three times. Ten sts
- ☐ Row 6: k1, (kfb, k2) three times. 13 sts
- ☐ Row 8: k1, (kfb, k3) three times. 16 sts

- ☐ Row 10: k1, (kfb, k4) three times. 19 sts
- ☐ Cont to inc as set until there are 49 sts
- ☐ Row 31: p
- Change to yarn C
- ☐ Rows 32-33: k
- Change to yarn E
- ☐ Rows 34-35: k
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Sew side seam. Gather cast-on sts at top. Sew in position on to Head. Using yarn E, make a small pompom (see page 59) and sew to tip of Hat.

COAT

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 64 sts

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): k
- ☐ Row 2: using yarn B k2, using yarn A k to last two sts, using yarn B k2
- ☐ Row 3: k2, using yarn A p to last two sts, using yarn B k2
- Keeping two sts at each edge in yarn B, cont as folls:
- ☐ Rows 4-9: rep Rows 2-3 three times more
- ☐ Row 10: k6, (k2tog, k8) five times, k2tog, k6. 58 sts
- ☐ Row 11: as Row 3
- Change to yarn D
- ☐ Rows 12-13: k
- ☐ Rows 14-16: rep Rows 2-3, then Row 2 once more
- ☐ Row 17: k2, p12, turn
- Place rem 44 sts on holder

LEFT FRONT

Keeping two sts on opening edge in yarn B, cont as folls:

- ☐ Row 18: k1, k2tog, k to end. 13 sts
- ☐ Row 19: k2, p to end
- ☐ Rows 20-21: rep Rows 18-19. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 22: starting with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 28: cast off five sts, k to end. Seven sts
- Place rem sts on holder

BACK

Place 44 held sts from Row 17 on needle with WS facing and rejoin yarn A only

- ☐ Row 17: p30. 30 sts
- Place rem 14 sts on holder for Right front
- ☐ Row 18: k1, k2tog, k to last three sts, ssk, k1. 28 sts
- ☐ Row 19: p
- ☐ Rows 20-23: rep Rows 18-19 twice. 24 sts
- ☐ Rows 24-27: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 28: cast off five sts, p to last five sts, cast off five sts. 14 sts
- Place rem sts on holder for Hood



RIGHT FRONT

Place rem 14 held sts from Row 17 on needle with WS facing and rejoin yarn A

Keeping two sts on opening edge in yarn B, cont as folls:

- ☐ Row 17: p to last two sts, k2
- ☐ Row 18: k to last three sts, ssk, k2. 13 sts
- ☐ Rows 19-21: rep Rows 17-18, then Row 17 once more. 12 sts
- ☐ Rows 22-27: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 28: k7, cast off last five sts, fasten off last st. Seven sts
- Place rem sts on holder for Hood

HOOD

Place held sts from Left front, Back, and Right front on needle with Left front sts nearest tip of needle, with WS facing. 28 sts

- ☐ Row 1: using yarn B k2, using yarn A p5, pick up and k one st at shoulder seam, p14, pick up and k one st at shoulder seam, p5, using yarn B k2. 30 sts
- Keeping two sts at each opening edge in yarn B, cont as folls:
- ☐ Rows 2-11: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 12: k3, m1, k to last three sts, m1, k to end. 32 sts
- ☐ Row 13: p
- ☐ Rows 14-19: as Rows 12-13. 38 sts.
- ☐ Divide sts across two needles, (19 sts on each) with WS together, use Kitchener stitch to graft top of hood together (see page 94)

COAT SLEEVES

(make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 19 sts

- ☐ Rows 1-6: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Change to yarn B
- ☐ Rows 7-8: p
- ☐ Cast off

To make up

Sew side seam of Sleeves. Sew cast on edge of Sleeve to armhole. To finish, join Front of Coat at black belt line by sewing a button through front side edges **LK**

knitwise

Fun with fur

Eyelash yarn – also known as Fun Fur – adds texture to knitted projects like toys and fashion garments. Don't use it on intricate patterns, as the fuzzy finish will hide the definition, and try to knit in a well-lit area to avoid mistaking stitches for fur. If you have never worked with eyelash yarn before, you can hold it with a plain yarn of a similar colour to give your stitches a nice base, while still retaining that fluffy appearance.

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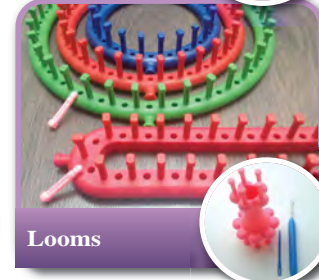
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DESIGNER

"Whilst the neck has been designed to accommodate a larger size bear, if your bear has a large head or a very big tummy you might want to use elastic rather than webbing for the belt."

JANE BURNS

Measurements & Sizes

To fit height (approx): **41cm**

Sweater/dress chest circumference: **40cm**

Sweater/dress length: **20cm**

Trousers inside leg: **9cm**

Trousers length: **22cm**

Hat circumference: **31cm**

Hat length: **14cm**

Knit Kit

Yarn: (A) Sirdar Snuggly DK, shade 0413 Engine Red, three 50g balls, (B) Sirdar Snowflake DK, shade 0630 Milky, two 50g balls

Needles: 4mm straight, 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed, 4mm double-pointed

Button: gold, 3cm, two

Shirring elastic

Webbing: black, 2.5cm x 80cm

Tension Square

22 sts x 30 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

4mm needles

(Yarn A)

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About the Yarn

Sirdar Snuggly DK is a 55% nylon, 45% acrylic yarn. Choose from over 50 different shades, all of them machine washable.

Sirdar Snowflake DK is 100% polyester and comes in 25g balls, perfect for more economic use.

Need an Alternative Yarn?

Peter Pan DK comes in a wide range of colours and is a nylon and acrylic mix, making it ideal for knitting children's gifts.

King Cole Cuddles DK is a super-soft, 100% polyester yarn. It's available in nine colours, from pastels to brighter, more vibrant shades.

Let's Shop

Sirdar Snuggly DK costs £3 per 50g (165m) ball and Sirdar Snowflake DK costs £2.20 per 25g (85m) ball from 0131 558 1747, www.mcadirect.com

Peter Pan DK costs £2.69 per 50g (170m) ball from 0845 303 8685, www.loremar.co.uk

King Cole Cuddles DK costs £2.95 per 50g (125m) ball from 01924 565740, www.woolstuff.co.uk

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SANTA CLAUS SWEATER FRONT

NOTE: Front is worked in one piece

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 44 sts

□ Rows 1-6: k

Change to yarn A

□ Rows 7-36: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Row 37: cast off three sts, k to end. 41 sts

□ Row 38: cast off three sts, p to end. 38 sts

□ Rows 39-44: beg with a k row, work six rows in st st

SHAPE LEFT NECK

□ Row 45: k16, turn

Work on these sts only as follows:

□ Row 46: cast off three sts, p to end. 13 sts

□ Row 47: k10, k2tog, k1, turn. 12 sts

□ Row 48: cast off two sts, p to end. Ten sts

□ Row 49: k7, k2tog, k1. Nine sts

□ Row 50: p1, p2tog, p to end. Eight sts

□ Row 51: k5, k2tog, k1. Seven sts

□ Row 52: p

□ Row 53: k4, k2tog, k1. Six sts

□ Row 54: p

□ Row 55: k3, k2tog, k1. Five sts

□ Rows 56-60: beg with a p row, work in st st

□ Cast off

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

With RS facing, rejoin yarn A to rem 22 sts

□ Row 1: cast off six sts, k to end. 16 sts

□ Row 2: p

□ Row 3: cast off three sts, k to end. 13 sts

□ Row 4: p10, p2tog, p1. 12 sts

□ Row 5: cast off two sts, k to end. Ten sts

□ Row 6: p7, p2tog, p1. Nine sts

□ Row 7: ssk, k to end. Eight sts

□ Row 8: p5, p2tog, p1. Seven sts

□ Row 9: k

□ Row 10: p4, p2tog, p1. Six sts

□ Row 11: k

□ Row 12: p3, p2tog, p1. Five sts

□ Rows 13-16: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Cast off

BACK

□ Work as Front until Row 38

□ Rows 39-54: beg with a k row, work in st st

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

tick box] Row 55: k13, turn

Work on these sts only as follows:

□ Row 56: cast off three sts, p to end. Ten sts

□ Row 57: k

□ Row 58: cast off three sts, p to end. Seven sts

□ Row 59: k

□ Row 60: cast off two sts, p to end. Five sts

□ Cast off

SHAPE LEFT NECK

With RS facing, rejoin yarn A to rem 25 sts

□ Row 1: cast off 12 sts, k to end. 13 sts

□ Row 2: p

□ Row 3: cast off four sts, k to end. 10 sts

□ Rows 4-6: rep Rows 2-3, then Row 2 once more. Five sts

□ Cast off

SLEEVES (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 40 sts

□ Rows 1-12: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Row 13: (k8, k2tog) four times. 36 sts

□ Row 14: p

□ Row 15: (k7, k2tog) four times. 32 sts

□ Row 16: p

Change to yarn B

□ Rows 17-20: k

□ Cast off



knitwise

The perfect pompom

Pompoms are a staple of kids' crafts as they are fun and easy to make. Cut two circles out of cardboard, each with a hole in the centre. Wind the two circles with yarn of your choice, continuing until the circles are completely covered and the hole is filled. Place a pair of scissors between the two circles and cut the wound yarn around the outer edge. Tie a length of yarn firmly around the centre. Cut and pull out the cardboard, then trim pompom to your liking.



Great
Xmas
Gift

COLLAR

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 67 sts
☐ Rows 1-6: k
☐ Cast off

FRONT TRIM

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 23 sts
☐ Work as Collar

To make up

Join shoulder and side seams together using mattress stitch. Bring Sleeve side edges together with WS facing and join seams. Pin Sleeves into armholes and sew in place. Pin Collar around neck opening and sew in place. Pin webbing approx 1cm above bottom trim and sew in place. Starting under Collar, pin Front trim down centre Front and sew in place. Sew button into middle of Sweater

TROUSER LEG

(make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 60 sts
☐ Rows 1-28: beg with a k row, work in st st
 Pm at beg and end of next row
☐ Row 29: cast on two sts, k to end. 62 sts
☐ Row 30: cast on two sts, p to end. 64 sts

☐ Row 31: cast on one st, k to end. 65 sts
☐ Row 32: cast on one st, p to end. 66 sts
☐ Row 33: as Row 31. 67 sts
☐ Row 34: as Row 32. 68 sts
☐ Rows 35-42: beg with a k row, work in st st
 Pm at beg and end of next row (beg of tail opening)
☐ Rows 43-58: cont in st st
 Pm at beg and end of next row (end of tail opening)
☐ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

WAISTBAND

☐ Next row: * k2, p2, rep from * to end
☐ Rep last row five times
☐ Cast off

TROUSER CUFF

(make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 40 sts
☐ Rows 1-5: k
☐ Cast off

To make up

Join inside Leg, sewing from cast-on edge to first marker. Repeat on second Leg. Bring both Legs together and sew from cast-off edge, stopping at top of opening for tail. Turn piece over and sew from cast-off edge down to crotch.

Turn to back, sew from marker to crotch. Sew three evenly spaced rows of elastic into waistband. Sew Cuff onto bottom of each Trousler leg

SANTA HAT

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, cast on 70 sts evenly over three dpns. Join into the round, taking care not to twist sts, pm to mark beg of rnd
☐ Rnds 1-6: * k1, p1, rep from * to end
 Change to 4mm dpns
☐ Rnds 7-12: k
☐ Rnd 13: * k5, k2tog, rep from * to end. 60 sts
☐ Rnds 14-19: k
☐ Rnd 20: * k4, k2tog, rep from * to end. 50 sts
☐ Rnds 21-26: k
☐ Rnd 27: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 40 sts
☐ Rnds 28-33: k
☐ Rnd 34: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 35-40: k
☐ Rnd 41: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to end. 20 sts
☐ Rnds 42-45: k
☐ Rnd 46: * k2tog, rep from * to end. Ten sts
☐ Rnd 47: * k2tog, rep from * to end. Five sts
☐ Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem five sts, pull tight and fasten off

CUFF

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on 52 sts
☐ Work as Collar for Santa Claus Sweater

To make up

Sew Cuff to brim of Hat. Make pompom using yarn B and attach.

MRS CLAUS DRESS FRONT

NOTE: Front is worked in one piece

** Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 54 sts
☐ Rows 1-6: k
 Change to yarn A
☐ Rows 7-10: beg with a k row, work in st st
☐ Row 11: (k17, k2tog) twice, k16. 52 sts
☐ Rows 12-14: work in st st
☐ Row 15: (k16, k2tog) twice, k16. 50 sts
☐ Rows 16-18: work in st st
☐ Row 19: (k15, k2tog) twice, k16. 48 sts
☐ Rows 20-22: work in st st
☐ Row 23: (k14, k2tog) twice, k16. 46 sts
☐ Rows 24-26: work in st st
☐ Row 27: (k13, k2tog) twice, k16. 44 sts
☐ Row 28-36: beg with a k row, work in st st
☐ Row 37: cast off three sts, k to end. 41 sts
☐ Row 38: cast off three sts, p to end. 38 sts
☐ Rows 39-44: cont to work in st st

NECK SHAPING

☐ Work neck shaping as for Santa Claus Sweater **

BACK

☐ Work as Front from ** to **

SLEEVES

☐ Work as Santa Claus Sweater Sleeves

COLLAR

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 67 sts
☐ Work as Collar for Santa Claus Sweater

FRONT TRIM

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 27 sts
☐ Work as Collar for Santa Claus Sweater

To make up

Work as Santa Claus Sweater. Pin webbing approx 5cm above the bottom trim, sew in place **LK**





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Ladies' choice

Treat someone special to a cosy night in with Susie Johns' trio of bedroom accessories

Knitted in a sophisticated colour scheme, this elegant hot water bottle cover and slippers set is perfect for snuggling up on the sofa on cold nights. The covered coat hanger will protect delicate fabrics, while the scented sachet will bring a sweet aroma to the wardrobe. Homewares make great gifts as they're not size specific, while the slippers will fit a range of shoe sizes. Make sure you use a soft yarn, so they will stretch and be comfortable.



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DESIGNER

"Homemade presents show you care. This cover fits a small hot water bottle, and there's a pair of co-ordinating slippers and a covered coat hanger – a lovely, luxurious bedroom trio. Knit one, two or all three for someone you love this Christmas."

SUSIE JOHNS



Measurements & sizes

Hot water bottle cover:
22cm x 18cm (excluding neck)

Slippers: to fit ladies' shoe sizes 4-7

Coat hanger: fits 41cm hanger

Sachet: 5cm x 6.5cm (when made up)

Knit Kit

Yarn: Hot water bottle cover: Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran, shade 102 Beige, two 50g balls, Hanger and Slippers: Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, (A) shade 064 Mauve, (B) shade 039 Emerald, one 50g ball of each

Needles: 4mm straight, 4.5mm straight (for Hot water bottle cover only)

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle and thread

Stitch holder

Ribbon: satin, lilac, 10mm; organza, jade green, 13mm (for Hot water bottle cover and Hanger only)

Wooden coat hanger: 41cm long

Hot water bottle

Lavender sachet

Buttons: jade green, 22mm, three (for Hot water bottle cover)

Tension Square

18 sts x 29 rows
10cm x 10cm
double moss stitch
4.5mm needles

22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

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About the Yarn

Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran blends 55% wool, with 12% cashmere and 33% acrylic Debbie Bliss Rialto DK is a pure merino wool that is machine washable

Need an Alternative?

Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran and Rico Essentials Merino DK are both soft and smooth, superwash pure wool yarns that come in a wide range of shades.

Start knitting here

HOT WATER BOTTLE COVER FRONT

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 32 sts
□ Row 1 (RS): sl 1, (k2, p2) seven times, k3
□ Row 2: sl 1, (p2, k2) seven times, p2, k1
□ Row 3: as Row 2
□ Row 4: as Row 1
□ Rep Rows 1-4 until work meas 23cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

SHAPE TOP

□ Row 1: cast off eight sts [one st on RH needle], k1, p2, (k2, p2) four times, k3. 24 sts
□ Row 2: cast off eight sts, place rem 16 sts on a holder

BACK

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 32 sts
□ Row 1: sl 1, (k2, p2) seven times, k3
□ Row 2: sl 1, (p2, k2) seven times, p2, k1
□ Row 3 (buttonholes): sl 1, p2, cast off two sts, [p1, (k2, p2) twice, cast off two sts] twice, p1, k1
□ Row 4: sl 1, k2, cast on two sts, [(k2, p2) twice, k2, cast on two sts] twice, k3
□ Row 5: sl 1, (k2, p2) seven times, k3
□ Row 6: sl 1, (p2, k2) seven times, p2, k1
□ Row 7: as Row 6
□ Row 8: as Row 5
□ Rep Rows 4-8 until work meas 27cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

SHAPE TOP

□ Row 1: cast off eight sts [one st on RH needle], k1, p2, (k2, p2) four times, k3. 24 sts
□ Row 2: cast off eight sts, k to end, k sts from holder. 32 sts

SHAPE NECK

□ Row 1 (eyelets): k1, (yfwd, k2tog) 15 times, k1
□ Row 2: sl 1, (k1, p1) 15 times, k1
□ Rep Row 2 16 times
□ Cast off in rib

To make up

Stitch seam on ribbed neck. Stitch top seams and side seams, allowing extra 4cm at base to overlap. Fold this flap to Front, mark positions of buttonholes and stitch buttons in place. Thread 50cm lengths of satin and organza ribbon through eyelets at base of neck

COAT HANGER

With 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 80 sts
□ Beg with a p row, work 20 rows in rev st
□ Cast off

SACHET

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 28 sts
□ Beg with a p row, work 18 rows in st st
□ Row 19 (eyelets): k1, (yfwd, k2tog) 13 times, k1
□ Row 20: p
□ Cast-off row: k1, * transfer st from RH to LH needle, cast on two sts, cast off four sts, rep from * to end

To make up

Push hook of coat hanger through centre of knitted strip from RS. Fold knitting over wooden bar of coat hanger: reverse stocking stitch fabric will be on outside. Stitch cast-on and cast-off edges together neatly, then stitch ends closed, gathering fabric slightly as you do so. Stitch side seam on sachet then position this seam at centre back and stitch base. Thread 60cm lengths of satin and organza ribbon through eyelet holes. Place lavender sachet, moth balls or small bar of scented soap inside and pull ribbons to gather top; tie in a neat bow

SLIPPERS

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 96 sts using the two-needle method
□ Rows 1 - 2: k
□ Row 3: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1
□ Rep Rows 2-3 once more. 100 sts
□ K nine rows
Cut yarn A and join in yarn B



SHAPE UPPER

□ Row 1: k43, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end. 98 sts
□ Row 2: p42, p2tog, p10, p2tog tbl, p to end. 96 sts
□ Row 3: k41, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end. 94 sts
□ Row 4: p40, p2tog, p10, p2tog tbl, p to end. 92 sts
□ Cont to dec as set on every row until 52 sts rem
□ Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st
□ Cast-off row: k1, * transfer st from RH to LH needle, cast on two sts, cast off four sts, rep from * to end

To make up

Fold cast-on edge in half and sew together along centre of sole, sew stitches together. Use mattress stitch or backstitch to sew row-ends of stocking stitch section to form back of heel. Cut two 50cm lengths of satin ribbon and thread one through eyelet holes on each slipper **LK**

knitwise

Fancy footwork?

These slippers are made in one piece. The garter stitch rows form the sole, you then change to stocking stitch and yarn B. On your decrease rows, the ten stitches between the decreases form the top of the slipper. By decreasing either side of this, you are shaping the gusset and drawing the work up. The cast off row will give a picot edge and this will become the ankle.

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Sweet SUCCESS

Adrienne Chandler catches up with
knitting designer, entrepreneur and
soon-to-be-published author,
Libby Summers

Small beginnings

When seven year-old Libby Summers wanted new outfits for her dolls and bears, the answer was simple: she had to learn to knit. Taught by her mum, Libby persevered until she was able to create complete wardrobes of clothes for her toys. "My mum had a whole load of doll patterns, which I used to knit from and that was where I learnt so much about garment construction," she explains. "I kept knitting through my teenage years; it wasn't very cool, so I didn't let my friends know about it! I wore my knitted garments at university but didn't shout that they were handmade. I only came out of the closet in my thirties when it started to become acceptable and it was more popular to make your own clothes."

It was a lack of suitable children's clothes that persuaded Libby to try her hand at designing. "When my children were toddlers, I had an idea in my head of what I wanted to dress them in, but couldn't find it in a shop," she reveals. "I'd knitted so many things by then that I understood how the different styles of jumper worked. I just made it up, but I didn't really appreciate the maths involved!"

Local heroes

During a rainy holiday on the Isle of Mull - after buying a rather large quantity of yarn - Libby had her first taste of business

success. "It was too wet to go out so I started knitting bags," she says. "I went back to the yarn shop to see if they might be interested in selling them. They loved my bags and sold the lot!"

Back home in rural Surrey, she found a wave of entrepreneurial activity sweeping through her local area. "I was so inspired by the other women in the village," says Libby. "Several of them had started their own business doing things they loved: one lady was making handmade soaps and another sold her bread to a farm shop. My knitting group was run by Gillian Harris, now of Gillian Gladrag, and she was running felting workshops from her garden. They were all using their craft to make money, so I thought, why don't I turn my knitting into a business?"

Fleece & fibres

Libby began by selling her finished handknits and even secured a contract with John Lewis for knitted hot water bottles. It was during this time that she developed a relationship with Artesano, the company that would help her make her name in pattern design. "I realised I needed to diversify and asked Artesano how I would go about designing," Libby says. "I taught myself how to do all the maths and sizing, pitched them some ideas and it went from there!"

"When I decided I wanted to do this full time, I realised I



LIBBY'S TOP DESIGN TIPS



OUT SOON!

1 Your tension is the starting point for your design, it really does matter. If you are designing in a particular stitch pattern, try it out as a swatch first and don't be afraid to experiment. Don't rush the early stages – you may have to knit ten swatches before you hit bingo!

2 Always work out the maths first before starting, extrapolating from your tension. Draw your shape out on graph paper or use software such as Wouldjadraw or Stitch Mastery to

make sure you have got the dimensions right. It seems boring, but will save a lot of frogging!

3 Start with a simple project that is not dependent on sizing, such as a scarf, snood or bag, then move on to a teacosy or hot water bottle before attempting a garment. A hot water bottle is a great project to start with as it is quick, and good practice for designing something that fits perfectly, as you will need to measure your hot water bottle and work out how to make the knitting fit it.

"I was inspired by other women who had started their own business doing things they loved"



needed more than just knitting patterns to make a living. I was a part-time violin teacher at the time and felt torn in two. I had very specific ideas about what yarn I wanted to knit and design with, and wanted to develop my own brand."

Through a friend in Peru, Libby was able to source her pure wool and alpaca blend yarns, and has a fabulous range of accessory and homewares kits and patterns to support them.

While showcasing her new collections at last year's Knitting & Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace, London, Libby was approached by Arcturus Publishing about writing a book. "My first book 'Anyone Can Knit' comes out soon!" she announces.

Part of the 'Anyone Can...' series, it contains step-by-step photographs for a whole host of techniques and 18 projects to have a go at. "It was quite a challenge as I'm usually quite a creative person in terms of how I plan my day, but I had to be absolutely focused and wrote a strict plan for myself. It's still a bit unreal. Some people spend ages trying to publish a book, but mine fell right in my lap – I feel so lucky!"

with special patterns to support the workshops. "It went really well!" she says. "We had loads of people following the tutorials on Kat's blog and sold lots of kits for the projects. The Knit Camp Facebook group is still going strong, too!"

As well as expanding her own business, Libby has also found time to design for charitable causes. "I've previously knitted for Breast Cancer UK's Strawberry Tea Parties, and last year I learnt about Prostate Cancer UK's Tea for Victory campaign. I designed some teacosies and sold them as patterns and kits. I held a public event in August and together with the people of Stamford, we raised £400!"

With the new book due for release in November, Libby has a busy few months ahead. "I'm going to be offering some Anyone Can Knit workshops to tie in with the book," she says. "I love travelling, particularly in the UK, and it's great meeting all the different yarn shop owners. I have some new kits and colours coming out in my existing yarn range and am planning on selling to more knitting shops. I'm also looking to launch something new in the spring but I'm not going to tell you what it is yet!"

To see what else Libby has been up to or to check out her gorgeous yarns, patterns and kits, visit her website, www.libbysummers.co.uk



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DESIGNER

"The pretty lace medallion cable panels are straightforward and easy to knit. The ridge pattern on the edge of the sleeves is matched to the 'figure-eight' cowl collar."

PAT MENCHINI

Measurements & sizes

Dress size (approx):

6-8 (10-12, 14-16, 18-20, 22-24, 26-28)

To fit chest (cm):

76-81 (86-91, 97-102, 107-112, 117-122, 127-132)

Actual chest (cm):

98 (108, 120, 130, 140, 152)

Length from shoulder (cm):

64 (66, 68, 69, 71, 73)

Cowl: 12cm x 125cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Stylecraft Alpaca DK, Shade 6016 Cinnamon, Tunic: 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6) 100g balls, Cowl: two 100g balls

Needles: 3.25mm, 4mm, 5mm

Cable needle

Stitch holder

Tension Square

22 sts x 29 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

4mm needles

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About the Yarn

Stylecraft Alpaca DK is a 20% alpaca wool, 80% acrylic yarn. It comes in ten different shades, ranging from pastels and neutrals to more vibrant hues. It is textured, fluffy, soft, and it's machine washable, too.

Need an Alternative?

Cygnnet DK is a 100% acrylic yarn. It comes in over thirty different colours, including bright shades to more muted tones, and each one of them can be machine washed.

Let's Shop

Stylecraft Alpaca DK costs £3.59 per 100g (240m) ball from 01792 456444, www.knitandsew.co.uk

Cygnnet DK costs £1.97 per 100g (298m) ball from 0113 287 1788, www.baaramewe.co.uk

CABLE PANEL

NOTE: worked over 31 sts

- Row 1: k3, p4, k17, p4, k3
 - Row 2 and every alt row: p3, k4, p17, k4, p3
 - Row 3: C3F, p4, k17, p4, C3B
 - Row 5: k3, p4, k8, yfwd, sl 1, k1, pssso, k7, p4, k3
 - Row 7: C3B, p4, k6, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl 1, k1, pssso, k6, p4, C3F
 - Row 9: k3, p4, k5, k2tog, yfwd, k1, [yfwd, sl 1, k1, pssso] twice, k5, p4, k3
 - Row 11: C3F, p4, k6, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl 1, k1, pssso, k6, p4, C3B
 - Row 13: as Row 9
 - Row 15: C3B, p4, C6B, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl 1, k1, pssso, C6F, p4, C3F
 - Row 17: as Row 5
 - Row 19: as Row 3
 - Row 21: as Row 1
 - Row 23: C3B, p4, C6B, k5, C6F, p4, C3F
 - Row 24: as Row 2
- Rows 1-24 set cable pattern

Start knitting here

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 109 (121, 133, 143, 155, 167) sts

- Row 1 (RS): k2, [p1, k1] to last st, k1
- Row 2: k1, [p1, k1] to end

These two rows set rib

- Rep Rows 1-2 until rib meas 15cm, ending after a RS row

□ Next row: p5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6), * pfb, p8 (9, 10, 9, 10, 11), rep from * to last 5 (6, 6, 7, 6, 5) sts, pfb, p to end. 121 (133, 145, 157, 169, 181) sts

Change to 4mm needles

□ Row 1 (RS): k12 (17, 22, 27, 32, 37), work 31 sts from Row 1 of Cable panel, k35 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45), work 31 sts from Row 1 of Cable panel, k12 (17, 22, 27, 32, 37)

□ Row 2: p12 (17, 22, 27, 32, 37), work 31 sts from Row 2 of Cable panel, p35 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45), work 31 sts from Row 2 of Cable panel, p to end

□ Rows 3-24: as Rows 1-2, working appropriate row of Cable panel

□ Rep Rows 1-24 until work meas 42cm through centre of work, ending after a WS row PM at centre of last row

SHAPE SLEEVES

□ Working extra sts in st st and cont in patt as set, inc one st at each end of next six rows. 133 (145, 157, 169, 181, 193) sts

□ Cast on four sts at beg of next two rows. 141 (153, 165, 177, 189, 201) sts

□ Cont without shaping until Back meas 20 (22, 24, 25, 27, 29) cm from marker, ending after a WS row



Special Abbreviations

C3F: slip next st onto cn, move to front of work, k2, k1 from cn

C3B: slip next two sts onto cn, move to back of work, k1, k2 from cn

C6B: slip next three sts onto cn, move to back of work, k3, k3 from cn

C6F: slip next three sts onto cn, move to front of work, k3, k3 from cn

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Cast off 10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) sts at beg of next eight rows, then 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) sts at beg of next two rows. 35 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts
Place rem sts on st holder

FRONT

□ Work as Back until Front meas

knitwise

Cabled away

Cable stitches are made by transferring a number of stitches to a third needle and working them in a different sequence. For example, to work C6B on a cable row, slip three stitches on to a cable needle and hold them at the back of the work. Leaving the three stitches on the cable needle, knit the next three stitches. Knit the three stitches on the cable needle without twisting them. Continue in this way along the rows, and your cable pattern will start to take shape.

15 (17, 18, 19, 20, 22) cm from marker, ending after a WS row

SHAPE NECK

□ Next row: patt 58 (63, 68, 73, 78, 83) sts, turn
Cont on these sts for left half of neck as folls:
□ Dec one st at neck edge on next five rows. 53 (58, 63, 68, 73, 78) sts
□ Cont without shaping until Front meas same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at Sleeve edge

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Cast off loosely 10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) sts at beg of next row and three foll alt rows
□ Work one row in patt
□ Cast off
With RS facing, place next 25 (27, 29, 31, 33, 35) sts on st holder
□ Rejoin yarn to rem sts and patt to end of row
□ Complete to match left half of neck, reversing shapings

NECKBAND

Join left shoulder seam
□ Using 3.25mm needles with RS facing, k across Back neck sts, pick up and k 23 (23, 25, 25, 27, 27) sts down Left front neck, k across Front neck sts, pick up and k 24

(24, 26, 26, 28, 28) sts up Right front neck. 107 (111, 119, 123, 131, 135) sts

□ Beg Row 2 as for Back, work six rows in rib
□ Cast off in rib

SLEEVE BORDERS

Join Right shoulder and Neckband seams

□ Using 3.25mm needles with RS facing, pick up and k 92 (100, 110, 118, 128, 136) sts evenly along one sleeve edge

Work in ridged patt as folls:

□ Rows 1-4: beg with a k row, work four rows in rev st st (p on RS, k on WS)
□ Rows 5-8: beg with a p row, work four rows in st st (k on RS, p on WS)
□ Rep Rows 1-8 once, then Rows 1-4 once more
□ Cast off

To make up

Omitting rib and sleeve borders, press work on WS following pressing instructions on yarn ball. Join side and Sleeve seams. Press seams

COWL (make two pieces)

Using 5mm needles, cast on 118 sts

□ Work as Rows 1-8 of Sleeve borders
□ Rep last eight rows six more times, then Rows 1-4 once more
□ Cast off

To make up

Press work lightly on WS. Join side edges to form a ring, noting that Row 1 will form WS of Cowl. Press seams **LK**



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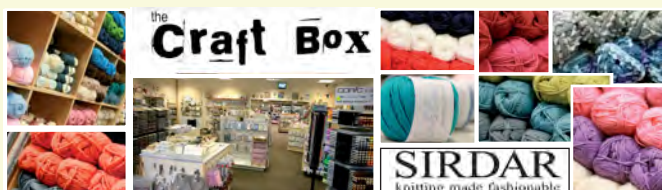
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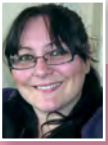
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"This headband is very versatile as it is ideal to wear with a ponytail for warmth around the ears or as a sweatband while out jogging. It is also an excellent last minute gift as it knits up so fast in the aran yarn."

KELLY MENZIES

Red Head

Stay stylish this season with this gorgeous headwear by Kelly Menzies

The story goes that you lose 40% of your body heat through your head, so why not keep yourself warm over these chilly months with this gorgeous knitted headband?

Stitched in muted cherry red, this simple accessory is great for everyday use, whether it's going out for an early morning run or popping to the shops on a cold afternoon. It's also a brilliant make for those beginners looking to try lace for the first time!

Measurements & Sizes

Width: 50cm

Length: 11cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran, shade 007 Brick Red, one 50g ball

Needles: 4.5mm circular

Tapestry needle

Stitch marker: one

Tension Square

18 sts x 25 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

4.5mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran is a 100% merino wool that comes in over 30 shades. It has excellent stitch definition, even tension, and is machine washable, too.

Need an Alternative?

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Start knitting here

BRIM

Using 4.5mm circular needles, cast on 88 sts, pm to join in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts

□ Row 1: (k1, p1) to end

□ Work in 1x1 rib until work measures 2cm

MAIN BODY

□ Rnd 1: * k3, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, ssk, k3, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 2 and all alt rnds: k

□ Rnd 3: * k2, k2tog, yfwd, k3, yfwd, ssk, k2, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 5: * k1, (k2tog, yfwd) twice, k1, (yfwd, ssk) twice, k1, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 7: * (k2tog, yfwd) twice, k3, (yfwd, ssk) twice, rep from * to end

□ Rnd 8: k

□ Rep Rnds 1-8 three times in total

□ Work in 1x1 rib for 2cm

□ Cast off

To make up

Weave in loose ends and block (see page 93) to open up lace work **LK**

"Be sure to use the right decrease as k2tog and ssk lean in different directions."

LK Editorial Assistant **Molly Todd**

knitwise

Round and Round

Circular needles can look tricky but they are invaluable for knitting items such as hats, headbands and cowls. Cast on as normal, then place the knitting on a flat surface and turn the cast on stitches so they are all facing the same way. Insert the RH needle into the first stitch, then knit the stitch, making sure you pull the first stitches tight so there are no gaps. Continue to knit every round, placing a stitch marker to show where your round starts and ends.



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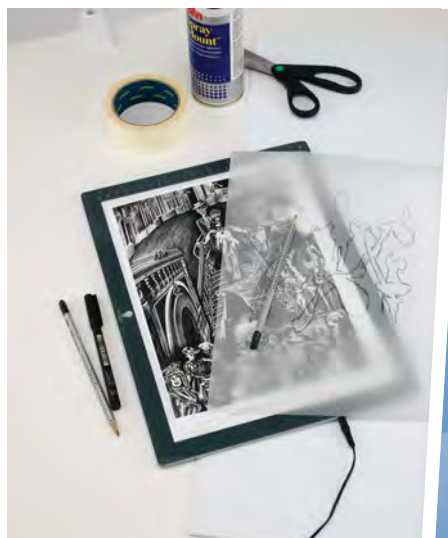
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5 to win!

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15
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to win!

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Stone's Throw

*Look cool and stay warm with
Katia's versatile pullover*

One of the best things about the cold weather is being able to snuggle up inside a cosy jumper.

This long sweater with short sleeves can be worn all the way through the cooler seasons, either with a pair of leggings and a shirt while it's still early days, or over long-sleeved tops and jeans while stomping through snow.

Measurements & sizes

Dress size (approx):

8-10 (12-14, 16-18, 20-22)

To fit bust (cm):

81-86 (91-97, 102-107, 112-117)

Actual bust (cm):

100 (110, 118, 128)

Knit Kit

Yarn: Katia Azteca, shade 7829, 5 (5, 5, 6) 100g balls

Needles: 5.5mm

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

16 sts x 21 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

5.5mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

About the Yarn

Katia Azteca is a self-striping aran yarn made from 50% wool and 50% acrylic. It is available in bright rainbow colourways and more subtle tones.

Let's Shop

Katia Azteca costs £6.95 per 100g (180m) ball from 01279 771153, www.modernknitting.co.uk

Start knitting here

BACK

Using 5.5mm needles, cast on 87 (95, 103, 113) sts

□ Row 1 (RS): p2 (1, 2, 2), * k3, p2, rep from * to last 2 (1, 3, 3) sts, p2 (1, 3, 3)

□ Row 2: k all k sts and p all p sts as they appear

□ Rep Rows 1-2 until Back meas 13 cm, ending after a WS row

□ Next row: k to end, dec 8 (8, 10, 12) sts evenly across row. 79 (87, 93, 101) sts

□ Cont without shaping in st st until Back meas 42 cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE BELT OPENINGS

□ Next row: k 22 (24, 26, 28) sts, place rem sts on holder

□ Work seven rows in st st on these 22 (24, 26, 28) sts only

□ Rejoin yarn to sts on holder, k 35 (39, 41, 45) sts, leave rem sts on holder

□ Work seven rows in st st on these 35 (39, 41, 45) sts only

□ Rejoin yarn to sts on holder, k to end

□ Work seven rows in st st on these 22 (24, 26, 28) sts only

□ Work across all sts and cont in st st until Back meas 77 (78, 79, 80) cm

SHAPE SHOULDERS

□ Cast off two sts at each edge of every row eight times

□ Cast off 5 (6, 7, 8) sts 2 (2, 1, 1)

times, then 0 (0, 6, 7) sts 0 (0, 1, 1) times. 27 (31, 35, 39) sts

□ Cont in st st until Back meas 86 (87, 88, 89) cm

□ Cast off

FRONT

□ Work as for Back until Front meas 57 (58, 59, 60) cm

SHAPE NECKLINE

Place central st on cable needle and work each side separately. 39 (43, 46, 50) sts on each side

FIRST AND SECOND SIZES ONLY

□ Dec one st two sts in from neckline edge on every fourth row 13 (15, -, -) times. 26 (28, -, -) sts

THIRD AND FOURTH SIZES ONLY

□ Dec one st two sts in from neckline edge on every second and fourth alternate row - (-, 17, 19) times. - (-, 29, 31) sts

ALL SIZES

□ Complete opposite side, reversing all shaping
Sew one shoulder

COLLAR

Using 5.5mm needles, pick up and k 26 (28, 32, 34) sts from Back neckline, 52 sts from right front, pm, work central st from cable needle, pm, pick up and

knitwise

Easy decreases

When you are shaping necklines or shoulders of garments, you often have to decrease on both ends of a row, and naturally you want this to be as neat as possible. When working the neckline at the Front of Stone's Throw, work p2tog at the left side edge as this will lean to the right, and then work k2tog at the right side edge, as this will lean to the left. The direction of your stitches will then follow the direction of the shaping.

k 52 sts from left front. 131 (133, 137, 139) sts

□ Row 1: p0 (0, 0, 1), * k3, p2, * rep from * to * to three sts before marker, sl 1, k2tog, psso, sm, k1, sm, k3tog, rep from * to * to last 2 (2, 1, 3) sts, p 2 (2, 1, 3)

□ Row 2: k all k sts and p all p sts as they appear

□ Rep Rows 1-2 twice more, dec at central st as set

□ Cast off all sts as they appear
Join two ends of collar and other shoulder

ARMHOLES

Using 5.5mm needles, pick up and k all sts from shoulder seam along 20 (21, 22, 23) cm of Front and Back inc or dec where necessary on first row to reach 80 (84, 88, 92) sts

□ Row 1: p0 (0, 0, 1), * k3, p2, rep from * to last 1 (3, 2, 1) sts, p1 (k3, k2, k1)

□ Row 2: k all k sts and p all p sts as they appear

□ Rep Rows 1-2 three times more

□ Cast off all sts as they appear

□ Work other armhole to match
Sew sides

BELT

Using 5.5mm needles, cast on ten sts

□ Row 1: * k1, p1, rep from * to end

□ Rep Row 1 until Belt meas 125 (137, 147, 160) cm

□ Cast off

Pass belt through Front and Back openings leaving ends at front **LK**

"The brilliant thing about this self-striping yarn is that it does half the work for you and still produces an amazing colour effect – you can just sit back and knit!"

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Measurements & sizes

- Size (approx):
6-8 (10-12, 14-16, 18-20, 22-24, 26-28)
To fit chest (cm):
76 (86, 97, 107, 117, 127)
Actual size at underarm (cm):
86 (99, 107, 117, 127, 135)
Length (cm):
58 (58, 60, 61, 62, 63)
Sleeve length (cm):
43 (43, 43, 43, 43, 43)

Knit Kit

- Yarn: Patons Diploma Gold DK, (A) shade 6308 Lilac Pink, 8 (9, 9, 10, 10, 11) 50g balls, (B) shade 6245 Plum, 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) 50g balls
Needles: 3.25mm, 4mm
Stitch holders: three
Safety pins: two
Tapestry Needle
Buttons: seven

Tension Square

- 22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

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About the Yarn

Patons Diploma Gold DK is a 55% wool, 25% acrylic, and 20% nylon blend yarn. It is available in a great range of colours and is easy to care for.

Let's Shop

Patons Diploma Gold DK has an RRP of £3.19 per 50g (120m) ball. Visit www.makeitcoats.com or call 01484 681881 to find a stockist near you.

Sweet Heather

Make yourself this pretty purple cardigan from Patons

The soft hues of heather bring a touch of colour to the winter countryside, and now you can add these shades to your wardrobe with this beautiful Fair Isle garment from Patons. Knitted in lilac and plum with raglan sleeves, this is a great casual cardigan to keep you warm over the cooler months. Pick up everything you need for this project from your local yarn shop!

Start knitting here

BACK

- Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 94 (110, 118, 130, 138, 150) sts
□ Row 1 (RS): k2, * p2, k2, rep from * to end
□ Row 2: p2, * k2, p2, rep from * to end
□ Rep Rows 1-2 seven times, inc 2 (1, 3, 1, 3, 1) sts evenly across last row. 96 (111, 121, 131, 141, 151) sts
Change to 4mm needles
□ Work 12 rows in st st
□ Work Rows 1-15 from Chart A
Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A
□ Beg with a p row, cont in st st until work meas 35cm from beg, ending after a p row

SHAPE RAGLAN ARMHOLES

- Cast off two sts at beg of next two rows. 92 (107, 117, 127, 137, 147) sts
□ Next row: dec one st at each end of row, then on every foll alt row 0 (1, 1, 2, 3, 4) times. 90 (103, 113, 121, 129, 137) sts
□ Work one row, inc 1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) st in centre. 91 (103, 113, 121, 129, 137) sts

- Work Rows 1-27 from Chart B as indicated for Back, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at each end of Row 3, then every alt row 12 times. 65 (77, 87, 95, 103, 111) sts
Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A only
□ Beg with a p row, work in st st, dec one st at each end of every alt row until 33 (55, 65, 79, 89, 103) sts rem, then on every row until 31 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41) sts rem
Place rem sts on a holder

LEFT FRONT

- Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 51 (59, 63, 67, 71, 79) sts
□ Row 1 (RS): k2, * p2, k2, rep from * to last st, k1
□ Row 2: p3, * k2, p2, rep from * to end
□ Rep Rows 1-2 six times more, then Row 1 once more
□ Row 16: rib seven, place these seven sts on a safety pin, rib to end inc 2 (dec 1, 0, inc 1, inc 2, dec 1) evenly across row. 46 (51, 56, 61, 66, 71) sts
Change to 4mm needles
□ Work 12 rows in st st
□ Work Rows 1-15 from Chart A
Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A
□ Next row: p dec 1 (inc 2, inc 1, inc 2, inc 1, inc 2) sts evenly across row. 45 (53, 57, 63, 67, 73) sts
□ Work in st st until work meas 35cm from beg, ending after a p row

SHAPE RAGLAN ARMHOLE

- Cast off two sts at beg of next row. 43 (51, 55, 61, 65, 71) sts
□ Work one row
□ ** Dec one st at raglan edge on next row, then on every alt row 0 (1, 1, 2, 3, 4) times. 42 (49, 53, 58, 61, 66) sts
□ Next row: p inc 1 (0, 1, 0, 1, 0) st in centre. 43 (49, 54, 58, 62, 66) sts
□ Work Rows 1-27 from Chart B as indicated for Left front, working last st not shown on Chart in yarn A, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec

- one st at raglan edge on Row 3, then on every alt row 12 times. 30 (36, 41, 45, 49, 53) sts
Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A
□ Next row: p dec 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 1) sts **. 30 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52) sts
□ Cont in st st, dec one st at raglan edge on next row, then on every alt row until 25 (31, 35, 39, 43, 48) sts rem

SIXTH SIZE ONLY

- Cont dec one st at raglan edge on every row until - (-, -, -, -, 46) sts rem

ALL SIZES - SHAPE NECK

- Next row (WS): cast off 6 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, p to last 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 2) sts, p2tog 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) times. 19 (25, 29, 33, 36, 38) sts

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SIZES ONLY

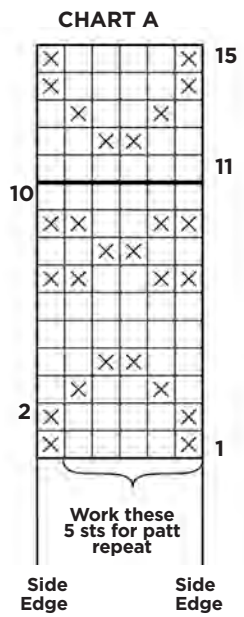
- Dec one st at raglan edge on next row, then on every alt row 10 (5, 5, 2, 1, -) times, then on every row 1 (11, 15, 21, 25, -) times, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at neck edge on next row, then every alt row 4 (5, 5, 6, 6, -) times. 2 (2, 2, 2, -) sts
□ Next row: k2tog, fasten off

SIXTH SIZE ONLY

- Dec one st at raglan edge on next row, then every row 27 times, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at neck edge on next row, then every alt row seven times. - (-, -, -, -, 2) sts
□ Next row: k2tog
Fasten off

RIGHT FRONT

- Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 51 (59, 63, 67, 71, 79) sts
□ Row 1 (RS): k3, * p2, k2, rep from * to end
□ Row 2: p2, * k2, p2, rep from * to last st, p1



KEY □ Yarn A X Yarn B



Make
this in
sizes
6-28!

"Try using 4.5mm needles for the Fair Isle pattern if you are a tighter knitter, changing back to 4mm needles where necessary."

LK Editorial Assistant **Molly Todd**

- ☐ Rows 3-4: as Rows 1-2
- ☐ Row 5: k3, cast off two sts, rib to end
- ☐ Row 6: rib to last three sts, turn, cast on two sts, turn, p3. These sts form a buttonhole
- ☐ Rows 7-15: work in rib
- ☐ Row 16: rib to last seven sts inc 2 (dec 1, 0, inc 1, inc 2, dec 1) sts evenly across row, turn, place rem seven sts on a safety pin. 46 (51, 56, 61, 66, 71) sts
- Change to 4mm needles
- ☐ Beg with a k row, work 12 rows in st st
- ☐ Work Rows 1-15 from Chart A
- Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A
- ☐ Next row: p dec 1 (inc 2, inc 1, inc 2, inc 1, inc 2) sts evenly across row. 45 (53, 57, 63, 67, 73) sts
- ☐ Work in st st until work meas 35cm from beg, ending after a p row
- ☐ Next row: k

SHAPE RAGLAN ARMHOLE

- ☐ Cast off two sts at beg of next row
- ☐ Work as Left front shape raglan armhole from ** to **, working Chart B as indicated for Right front, working first st not shown on Chart in yarn A. 30 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52) sts
- ☐ Cont in st st, dec one st at raglan edge on next row, then on every alt row until 26 (32, 36, 40, 44, 48) sts rem

SIXTH SIZE ONLY

- ☐ Cont to dec one st at raglan edge on every row until - (-, -, -, -, 47) sts rem

SHAPE NECK

- ☐ Next row (RS): cast off 6 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, k to last two sts, k2tog. 19 (25, 29, 33, 36, 39) sts
- ☐ Work one row, dec 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) st at raglan edge

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SIZES ONLY

- ☐ Dec one st at raglan edge on next row then on every alt row 10

(5, 5, 2, 1, -) times, then on every row 1 (11, 15, 21, 25, -) times, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at neck edge on next row, then on every alt row 4 (5, 5, 6, 6, -) times. 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, -) sts
□ Next row: k2tog
Fasten off

SIXTH SIZE ONLY

□ Dec one st at raglan edge on next row, then every row 27 times, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at neck edge on next row, then every alt row seven times. - (-, -, -, -, 2) sts
□ Next row: k2tog
Fasten off

SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 50 (50, 54, 54, 58, 58) sts
□ Work 16 rows in rib inc one st in centre of last row. 51 (51, 55, 55, 59, 59) sts
Change to 4mm needles
□ Work in st st inc one st at each end of 5th row, then on every foll 8th (8th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 4th) row until there are 59 (59, 65, 65, 69, 75) sts
□ Work 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 1) rows, inc 2 (2, 1, 1, 2, 1) sts evenly across last row. 61 (61, 66, 66, 71, 76) sts
□ Work Rows 1-15 from Chart A, inc one st at each end of 7th (3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd) row, then on every foll 0 (8th, 8th, 6th, 4th, 4th) row 0 (1, 1, 2, 3, 3) times. 63 (65, 70, 72, 79, 84) sts
Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A

□ Beg with a p row, cont in st st, inc one st at each end of fourth row, then on every 12th (8th, 8th, 4th, 4th, 4th) row until there are 71 (77, 82, 92, 101, 106) sts
□ Cont without shaping until work meas 43cm from beg, ending after a p row, inc 0 (0, 1, 1, 0, 1) st in centre of last row. 71 (77, 83, 93, 101, 107) sts

SHAPE RAGLAN

□ Cast off two sts at beg of next two rows. 67 (73, 79, 89, 97, 103) sts
□ Next row: dec one st at each end of row then on every alt row 0 (1, 1, 2, 3, 4) times. 65 (69, 75, 83, 89, 93) sts
□ Next row: p
□ Work Rows 1-27 from Chart B as indicated for Sleeves, **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at each end of Row 3, then in every alt row 12 times. 39 (43, 49, 57, 63, 67) sts
Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A
□ Next row: p dec 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 2) sts evenly across row
□ Cont in st st, dec one st at each end of next row, then on every alt row until 7 (11, 15, 31, 37, 41) sts rem

FIRST SIZE ONLY

□ Work one row
Place rem sts on stitch holder

SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH SIZES ONLY

□ Dec one st on every row until - (9, 9, 9, 11, 11) sts rem
Place rem sts on holder

To make up

Join raglan seams, noting that tops of Sleeves form part of neckline

NECKBAND

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A with RS facing, pick up and k 29 (29, 33, 33, 35, 35) sts evenly along Right front neck, k across sts from Right sleeve stitch holder, k across sts from Back stitch holder inc 1 (inc 3, inc 1, dec 1, inc 1, dec 1) sts evenly across k across sts from Left sleeve stitch holder, pick up and k 29 (29, 33, 33, 35, 35) sts evenly along Left front neck. 104 (112, 120, 120, 132, 132) sts
□ Row 1 (WS): p3, * k2, p2, rep from * to last st, p1
□ Row 2: k3, * p2, k2, rep from * to last st, k1
□ Rep Rows 1-2 three times, then Row 1 once more
Nine rows rib in all
□ Cast off loosely in rib

RIGHT FRONT BAND

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A with WS facing, rib across seven sts from Right front safety pin
□ Work 12 (14, 14, 14, 14, 14) rows in rib
□ Next row: k3, cast off two sts, k2
□ Next row: p2, turn, cast on two sts, turn, p3
These sts produce a buttonhole
□ Work 22 (24, 24, 24, 24, 24) rows in rib
□ Rep last 24 (26, 26, 26, 26, 26)

rows four times, then buttonhole rows once
Seven buttonholes in all
□ Work four rows in rib
□ Cast off in rib

LEFT FRONT BAND

Work to correspond with Right front band, omitting buttonholes

To make up

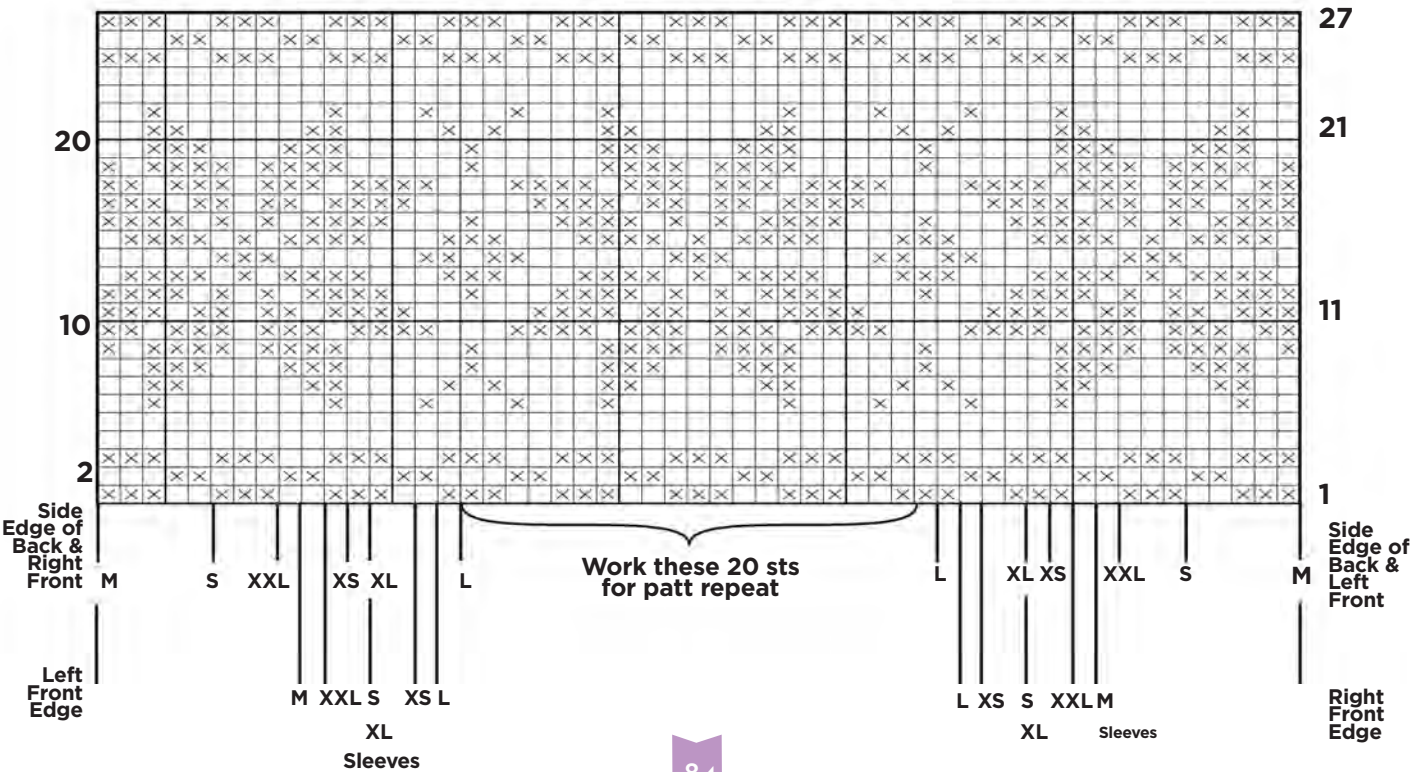
Using a tapestry needle and mattress stitch, join shoulder seams of garment Back to Front. Join side seams. Fold Sleeve in half to determine centre of Sleeve top and pin centre to shoulder seam. Pin underarm seam of Sleeve to underarm seam of garment. Pin and sew in place. Sew Front bands in place. Sew on buttons. Sew in all ends **LK**



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CHART B

KEY □ Yarn A ☒ Yarn B





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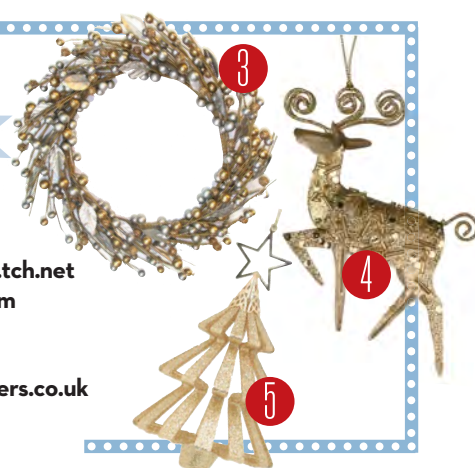
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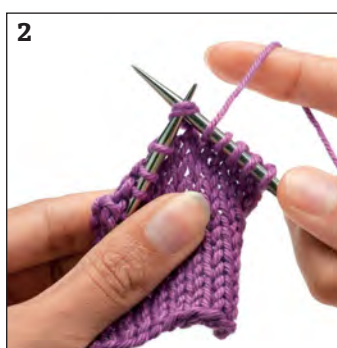
LK deputy editor **Adrienne Chandler** shows us four different techniques for making buttonholes

SIMPLE EYELET BUTTONHOLE

This is the quickest and easiest buttonhole to work and is achieved by making an eyelet.

Step 1: knit to where you want the buttonhole, bring the yarn to the front of the work between the tips of the needle, now take it over the barrel of the right-hand (RH) needle to make an extra stitch.

Step 2: insert your RH needle into the second then first stitch on the left-hand (LH) needle, then knit these two stitches together.



VERTICAL BUTTONHOLE

This method requires you to wind a smaller bobbin of your yarn. Use the same yarn as in your main project, we have used a contrasting colour for illustrative purpose only.

Step 1: work to two rows below where you want buttonhole, on the next row, k to the buttonhole position and change to your bobbin of yarn, twisting the old ball and new together to avoid a hole.

Step 2: on the following wrong side (WS) row, use the new ball to purl to the join, again twist yarns and continue using the original ball to the end of the row.

Step 3: on the next row, knit to the join but do not twist the yarns, just pick up the yarn from the bobbin and use it to knit the remaining stitches.

Step 4: on the WS row, use the bobbin of yarn to purl to the join. Pick up the original ball of yarn, without twisting the yarns. Work two more rows, twisting the yarns to avoid a hole, then cut the yarn from the bobbin and continue in the original yarn only.



TWO-ROW BUTTONHOLE

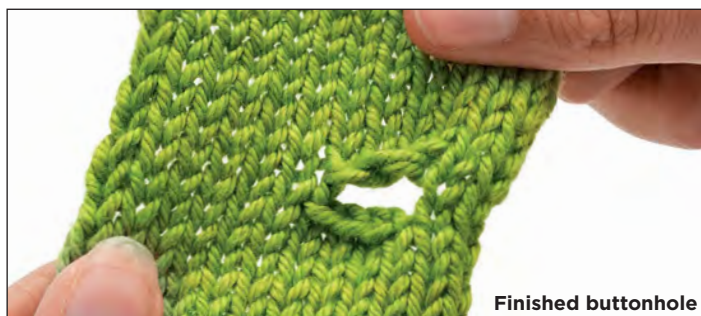
(also known as the cast-off method)

This is another simple technique, which is often used for creating wider buttonholes.

Step 1: knit to where you want the buttonhole then cast off the next three stitches, or however many are instructed in your pattern, then knit to the end of the row.

Step 2: purl to the gap you created when you cast-off on the previous row, now turn the work.

Inserting the RH needle between the first two stitches on your LH needle, cable cast on the same number of stitches that were cast off, turn the work again, then purl to the end of the row.

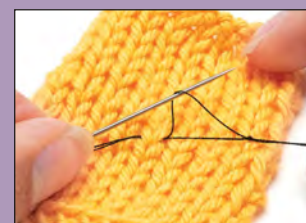


Finished buttonhole

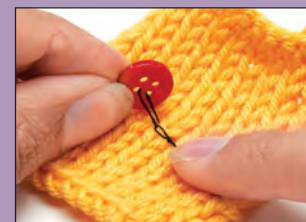
SEWING ON A BUTTON

Stitching on a button is one of those essential skills, but as knitted fabric is thicker than sewing material, the buttons on your knitting should be attached in a slightly different way.

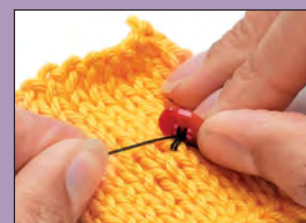
Step 1: thread your sewing needle with cotton and knot to make a loop. Pass the needle around one whole knitted stitch (this is indicated by a v-shape in your work), then insert it through the loop of cotton, pulling tight to secure.



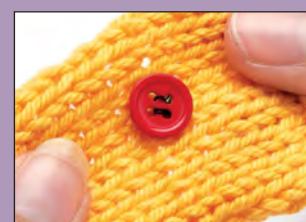
Step 2: thread the yarn through your button but do not pull it tight. Repeat Step 2 several times, working through all the holes in your button.



Step 3: bring the needle up through the fabric but do not go through the button. Wrap the needle around the loops of thread that are securing the button to create a shank.



Step 4: thread all the ends back through the fabric and tie off.



ONE-ROW BUTTONHOLE

This is a slightly more involved technique, but produces a really neat and strong buttonhole.

Step 1: knit to where the buttonhole starts, bring the yarn to the front of the work between the needles and slip the next stitch purlwise.

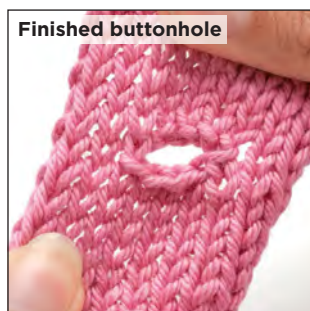
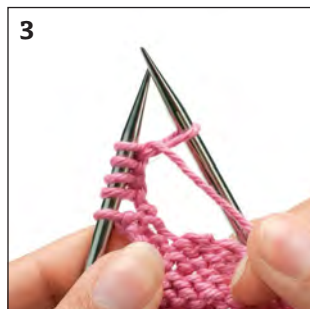
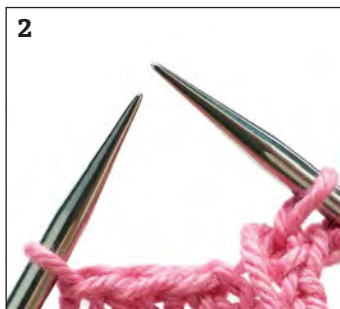
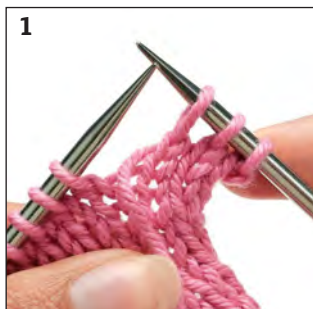
Step 2: return the yarn to the

back of the work between the needles, * slip the next stitch purlwise, then pass the first slipped stitch over the second and off the needle *, rep from * to * until the buttonhole is the desired width, you will have one stitch on your RH needle, return this stitch to the LH needle.

Step 3: turn your work so the WS is facing and cable cast on

the same number of stitches as you cast off, cable cast on one more stitch, but do not place it on the LH needle. Move the yarn between the needles once again and turn your work.

Step 4: keeping the last cast-on stitch on your LH needle, knit this and the next stitch on the LH needle together to finish the buttonhole.



Finished buttonhole

"Practise this method on a swatch before trying it out on your garment."



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Measurements & Sizes

Length: 44cm

Squares: 8.5cm x 8.5cm

Crochet Kit

Yarn: King Cole Merino DK, Patchwork stocking: (A) shade 703 Cranberry, (B) shade 69 Olive, (C) shade 853 Sage, (D) shade 46 Aran, (E) shade 907 Raspberry, one 50g ball of each

Red stocking: (A) shade 703 Cranberry, two 50g balls, (B) shade 69 Olive, (C) shade 853 Sage, (D) shade 46 Aran, one 50g ball of each

Hook: 4mm

Tapestry needle

Special abbreviations

popcorn stitch: 5tr in next tr, slip final loop off hook and reinsert hook through top two loops of first tr just made, replace final loop on hook and pull it through first tr

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PATCHWORK STOCKING

(make 22 squares)

NOTE: work each round in random colours, using yarn D on Rnd 4 for 11 of them

Using 4mm hook and first colour, make 5ch, sl st in first ch to form a ring

□ Rnd 1: 2ch, 1tr in ring, 1ch, (2tr in ring, 1ch) seven times, sl st in first tr

□ Fasten off

Join second colour to any 1-ch sp

□ Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in same sp, 1ch, (3tr in next sp, 1ch) seven times, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

Join third colour to any 1-ch sp

□ Rnd 3: 3ch, 2tr in same sp, * (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 1-ch sp, 3tr in next 1-ch sp, rep from * three times, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in final 1-ch sp, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

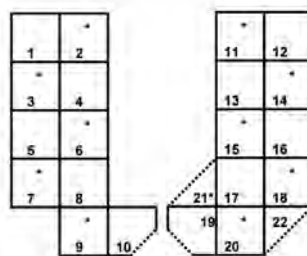
Join fourth colour to any 2-ch sp

□ Rnd 4: 3ch, (2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same sp, * (3tr between next two 3tr-groups) twice, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in corner sp, rep from * three times, (3tr between next two 3tr-groups) twice, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

To make up

Weave in ends. Following diagram, lay out two lots of ten squares,



alternating squares with yarn D on Rnd 4 (shown with * on diagram) with other squares to give a chequerboard look. Sew together using yarn D. Fold remaining two squares diagonally and sew in place so that half lies on each side of stocking. Tuck under Rnds 3-4 of outside bottom corners on squares 10 and 19 to give a rounded toe

BORDER

Join yarn A to centre back seam and work as follows:

□ 3ch, * 1 popcorn st in next st, 1ch, 1tr in next st, rep from * all around top edge, sl st in third of 3-ch at beg of rnd, 15 ch, sl st in first of these ch to make hanging loop

□ Fasten off

Press lightly, using a cloth to protect the surface

RED STOCKING

(make 22 squares)

Using 4mm hook and yarn D, make 5ch, sl st to first ch to form a ring

□ Rnd 1: 3ch, (2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in ring,

2ch, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr in ring), 2ch, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

Join yarn C to any 2-ch sp

□ Rnd 2: (3ch, 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same sp, * (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2-ch sp, rep from * twice, sl st in third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

Join yarn B to any 2-ch sp

□ Rnd 3: 3ch, (2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same sp, * 3tr between next two 3tr-groups, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in corner sp, rep from * twice, 3tr between next two 3tr-groups, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

Join yarn A to any corner sp

□ Rnd 4: 3ch (2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same sp, * (3tr between next two 3tr-groups) twice, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in corner sp, rep from * twice, (3tr between next two 3tr-groups) twice, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of rnd

□ Fasten off

To make up

Make up as Patchwork stocking, using yarn A to sew squares together and yarn D for Border and hanging loop **LK**

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Sew simple

When joining granny squares together, lay them next to each other on a flat surface. Sew them together through the outer loops of each edge stitch. This will give a neat and secure join.





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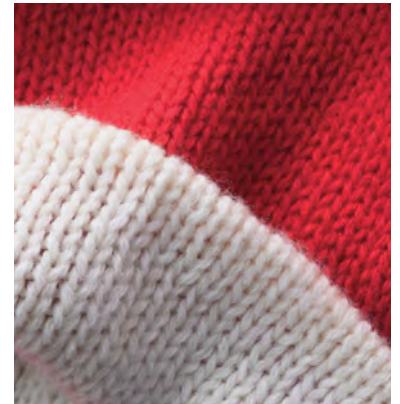
YARN WEIGHTS

ABBREVIATIONS

o	no stitches, times or rows	RS	right side
-	no stitches, times or rows for that size	skpo	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
alt	alternate	sk2po	slip next stitch purlwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
approx	approximately	sl 2, k1, p2sso	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
beg	beginning	sl 1	slip one stitch
bet	between	sl st	slip stitch
C4F	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	sm	slip marker
C4B	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	sp (s)	space(s)
ch	chain stitch	ssk	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
ch sp	chain space	st (s)	stitch (es)
circ	circular needles	st st	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
cm	centimetres	tbl	through the back loop (s)
cn	cable needle	tr	treble crochet
cont	continue (ing)	w&t	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn (on purl rows) take the yarn between the needles to the back of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
dc	double crochet	WS	wrong side
dc2tog	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook	wyib	with yarn in back
dec	decrease (ing)	wyif	with yarn in front
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)	yb	yarn back
dtr	double treble crochet	yfwd	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
fol	following	yo	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
htr	half treble crochet	yoh	yarn over hook
inc	increase (ing)	yon	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
k	knit	yrn	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
kfb	knit into the front and the back of the next stitch	y2rn	wrap yarn twice around needle
k2tog	knit two stitches together	*	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
kwise	knitwise	() []	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed
lp	loop		
m1	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it		
m1p	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it		
meas	measure (s)		
mm	millimeters		
N1 (2, 3)	needle 1 (2, 3)		
p	purl		
pb	place bead		
pfb	purl into the front and back of next st		
pm	place marker		
p2tog	purl two stitches together		
prev	previous		
pssso	pass slipped stitch over and off needle		
p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle		
pwise	purlwise		
rem	remain (ing)		
rep	repeat (ing)		
rev st st	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)		
rm	remove marker		

YARN TYPE	STANDARD TENSION	STANDARD NEEDLE SIZE
Lace	30-33 sts-36-50 rows	2mm-3mm
4ply	28 sts-36 rows	3.25mm
DK	22 sts-28 rows	4mm
Aran	18 sts-24 rows	5mm
Chunky	14 sts-19 rows	6.5mm
Super Chunky	9 sts-12 rows	10mm

NEEDLE SIZING		
UK (mm)	U.S.A	Old UK/Canada
2	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
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8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
15	-	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
20	36	-
25	50	-



TENSION HEADACHE

It's really important to knit tension square before you begin a project. Not everybody knits the same way – some knit more tightly than others – and this will affect how the stitch pattern looks and the finished size of the item. Tension squares are usually presented like this:

22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

To knit your tension square, cast on the instructed number of stitches, in this case 22, plus five more. Then, using the needle size and same stitch pattern given, work the instructed number of rows, plus five more. Using a ruler and taking your measurements from the centre of the square, count the number of stitches and number of rows over a 10cm square. If you have more than you should do, it means your knitting is a little tight and you may need to use larger needles. Similarly, if you have fewer stitches and rows, use smaller needles to get the correct tension.

"Using the correct size of needles for the yarn weight helps to produce a taut, neat fabric"



AT A LOOSE END?

Follow these steps for weaving in any tails of yarn:

- 1.** Thread the yarn on to a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the project facing upwards.
- 2.** Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it

up and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm. An alternative method is to weave through the back of the stitch, splitting the strand of yarn as you sew.

3. Cut the yarn close to the fabric.
NOTE: In colourwork, weave the yarn tails into the matching colour section.

SUBSTITUTION

There are many reasons to want to substitute the yarn given in a project, from price to colour selection, but there are some important points to remember.

- Choose a yarn with a similar tension to the suggested yarn. Match the tension given on the ball band of the yarns, as the pattern may use a different stitch. Remember to do a tension square in the new yarn before you begin.
- Consider the fibre content of the yarn and how this might affect the finished project. For example, cotton yarn will knit up very differently to a wool yarn.



- Don't forget to check the care instructions of your new yarn. Not all yarns are machine washable.
- Look at the meterage of the new yarn, rather than the weight of the ball. Not all 50g balls have the same meterage and you don't want to run short when nearing the end of your project.

ON THE BLOCKS

Blocking is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions from the pattern and even out your stitches. It is also really useful for ensuring that pieces to be joined fit well together. There are a few different ways to achieve this, so check the information on the yarn ball band and pick the most suitable option.

Wet blocking: dampen the pieces so that they are wet through and gently squeeze out the excess water. Lay out the pieces and pin them to the correct measurements,

then leave them to dry. For delicate fibres and lace projects, you can just spritz the pieces with a water spray, rather than submerging them fully.

Steaming: lay a damp cloth over your work and gently iron over the top – do not iron directly on to your knitting. Continue to iron until the cloth is dry. Another option is to gently hover over your work with the iron and apply steam until the knitting relaxes, this is good for delicate projects and textured stitches. Pin to the desired measurements and allow to set.

Pattern UPDATES

Here at LK we try our hardest to make sure our patterns are free from errors, but sometimes they do slip through the net. Here you will find our latest pattern updates; we apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any queries about one of our patterns, please call **01206 508622** or email **support@letsknit.co.uk**. For further updates visit **www.letsknit.co.uk**

LK84, October Diamond Lights, p81

• The rrp for the 400g ball of DY Choice Aran with Wool is actually £9.99, the price given is for the 100g ball.

• Change to 5.5mm needles after completing the rib on the front and back.



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GRAFT THE TOE



Kitchener Stitch is the method used to achieve this. It is worked as follows:

SET UP: Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.

1 Thread yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



3 Having set up as shown in steps 1 and 2, repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.



4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

KNIT STITCH



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right hand needle should sit behind the left hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right hand needle.



2 Using the right hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right hand needle. Slide the original stitch off the left hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.

HELPING HAND

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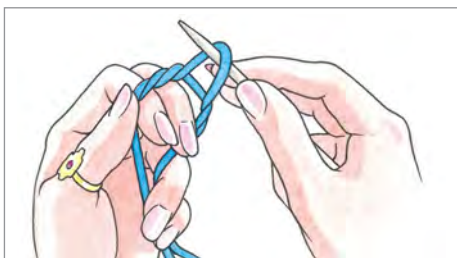
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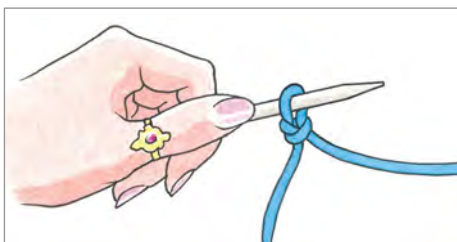
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MAKING A SLIP KNOT

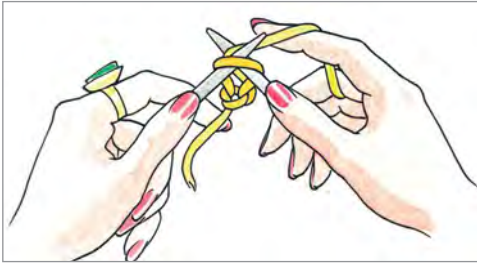


1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the first.

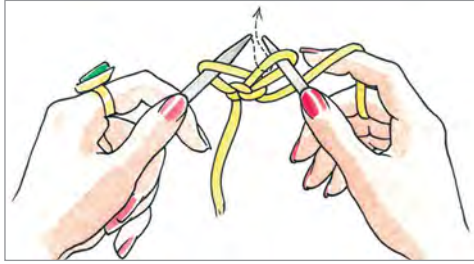


2 Remove the two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

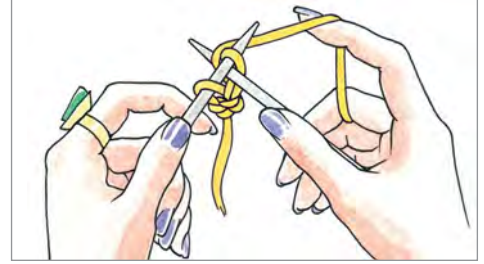
CABLE CAST ON



1 Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right hand to the left hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left hand needle.

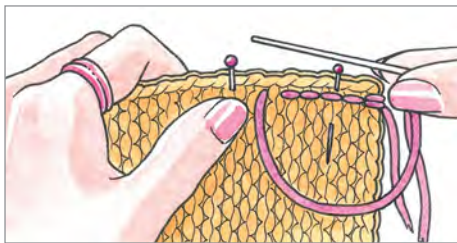


3 Insert the right needle between the two stitches on the left needle and wrap the yarn around the needle tip anticlockwise. Draw this loop through to make a stitch and slip it up and onto the left needle. Repeat this creating a new loop behind the last stitch and passing it left needle in front of the previous one.

BACK STITCH

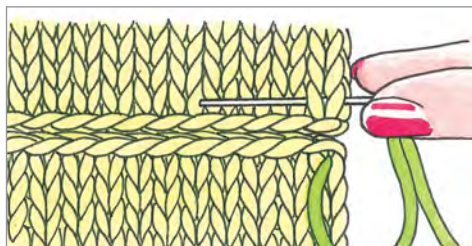


1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

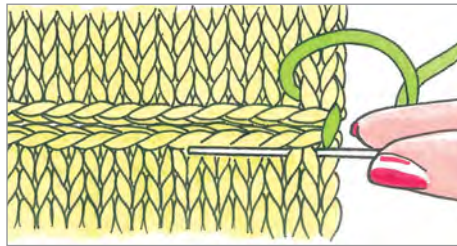


2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

JOINING CAST OFF EDGES

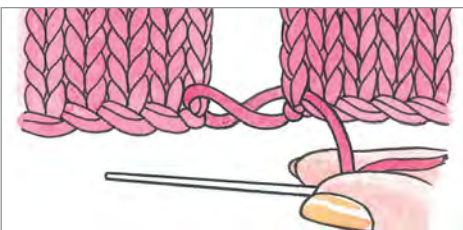


1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

BEGINNING A SEAM



1 With the pieces placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the yarn tail through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle behind the first stitch on the second piece from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

MATTRESS STITCH



1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side.
2 Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.

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What do you look for when choosing your products?

I like to choose something a bit different, or that no one else in the area is stocking.

Any plans for the Christmas season?

I love Christmas! Now that I have more space, I would like to expand the range of gifts for customers to choose from, and lots of decorations.

What are you currently knitting?

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Baby love

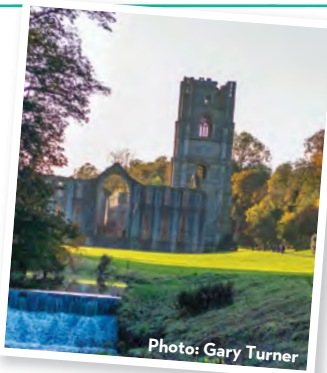
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with Lucy Bailey from McA direct

What is the history behind the McAree Brothers stores?

McAree Brothers was founded in 1878 by three brothers, including my great-grandfather. When I took over the business it was a general department store in Stirling. I knew that we needed to specialise and I became fascinated by the knitting yarns. Now we sell knitting yarns and haberdashery from three stores across Scotland.

When and why did you decide to open the online store?

We were one of the earliest yarn shops on the internet. I wasn't sure if people would buy yarn online as they can't feel it and the colours don't reproduce well on computer screens. But we gave it a go and immediately people started buying from us. We are now one of the largest online stores!

How important is the online side of the business?

Over 50% of our business is online. We sell to customers all over the world including Japan, Australia and USA.

Can you do things online that you couldn't in store?

It is so easy on the internet to tell people about new products that have come in, and we love interacting with our customers on our Facebook, Twitter, and Ravelry pages. People often send us pictures of their finished garments. It is really nice to see how the yarn is used.

What do you look for when selecting your products?

We look for quality yarns in amazing colours. We also like to stock British yarns and we have a number in our stores, including Rowan British Sheep Breeds and Jamieson & Smith Shetland wool.

Which new yarn are you most excited about this season?



The Wendy Ramsdale DK is born, bred and spun in Yorkshire. It comes in lovely colours and they have some classic designs to go with it!

What do you have coming up in the future?

Following on from the success of our knitathon at the Edinburgh International Fashion Festival, we are working on a new event for next year..... Watch this space!

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Starting to knit just seemed like a natural thing to do

We've been chatting with **Sarah Hatton** about Christmas knits, future projects and her career in designing.

Having been in the industry now for over ten years, Sarah Hatton knows a thing or two about woollen fashion. She's worked with some big names in the past, including Sirdar, Sublime and Patons, and has produced several pattern books, including her 10 Simple Projects series which covers everything from baby knits to cosy winter warmers. The latest addition to her vast library is her collaboration with fellow designer Martin Storey for Rowan's wilderness-inspired Knitting and Crochet Magazine 56.

I started knitting when I was around five years old.

I grew up in a very crafty family and it just seemed like a natural thing to do! As a kid, I always wanted to be a fashion designer, much to the horror of my younger sister who had to spend hours as a model having fabric pinned to her.

I wish I knew where the inspiration for my patterns and books comes from!

Sometimes the yarn will lead you in a certain direction, but other times inspiration can take a while to come. Magazines and people watching always helps!

I have been really lucky to have worked with some phenomenal designers in the past.

I have collaborated with the likes of Martin Storey, and I am really taken with his Roan design from Rowan Magazine 56 – it's not something I would normally pick, but I think it's stunning!

My stash is, at the moment, surprisingly organised, but who knows how long that will last! I've had to find some room for the new Rowan Finest 4ply, as it's slowly becoming my dream yarn.

I often have the problem of owning a really lovely yarn and feeling that it deserves the perfect project. I then think I've found such a project and start knitting, before pulling back as it isn't quite perfect enough. I always have more projects on the go than I need! At the moment, I am making two cardigans and have a toy on the needles, too.

Currently I am making a new brochure with Rowan that will be launched in October.

After that I have a pile of design to do for next year – not to mention The Handmade Fair and The Knitting and Stitching Show – so it's pretty busy at the moment!

I start with a grand plan to knit lots of Christmas gifts but always run out of time!

September to November is probably the busiest time of year for me, so there sadly isn't much time for my own knitting. I own some small knitted stockings to hang on the Christmas tree, and I also starch vintage crochet doilies to place on the wall or windows as snowflakes.

Trust and have confidence in yourself.

Through my teaching the biggest thing I have learnt is that all knitters are filled with a self-doubt – they think that everyone knows more than they do, but most of the time this is just not true.

Visit Sarah's website for all her patterns, projects, books, and more, at www.sarahhatton.com

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TOP FIVE

Sarah's top choice of yarns in her stash

- 1 **Rowan Finest 4ply Yarn** – It's just delicious!
- 2 **Rowan Wool Cotton** – A classic yarn that has such great stitch clarity
- 3 **Rowan Kidsilk Haze** – Great meterage, and it's just like knitting with clouds!
- 4 **Rowan Felted Tweed** – A good yarn for a simple stocking stitch project, as well as looking stunning in colourwork.
- 5 **Rowan All Seasons Colours** A quick knit and easy to care for

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